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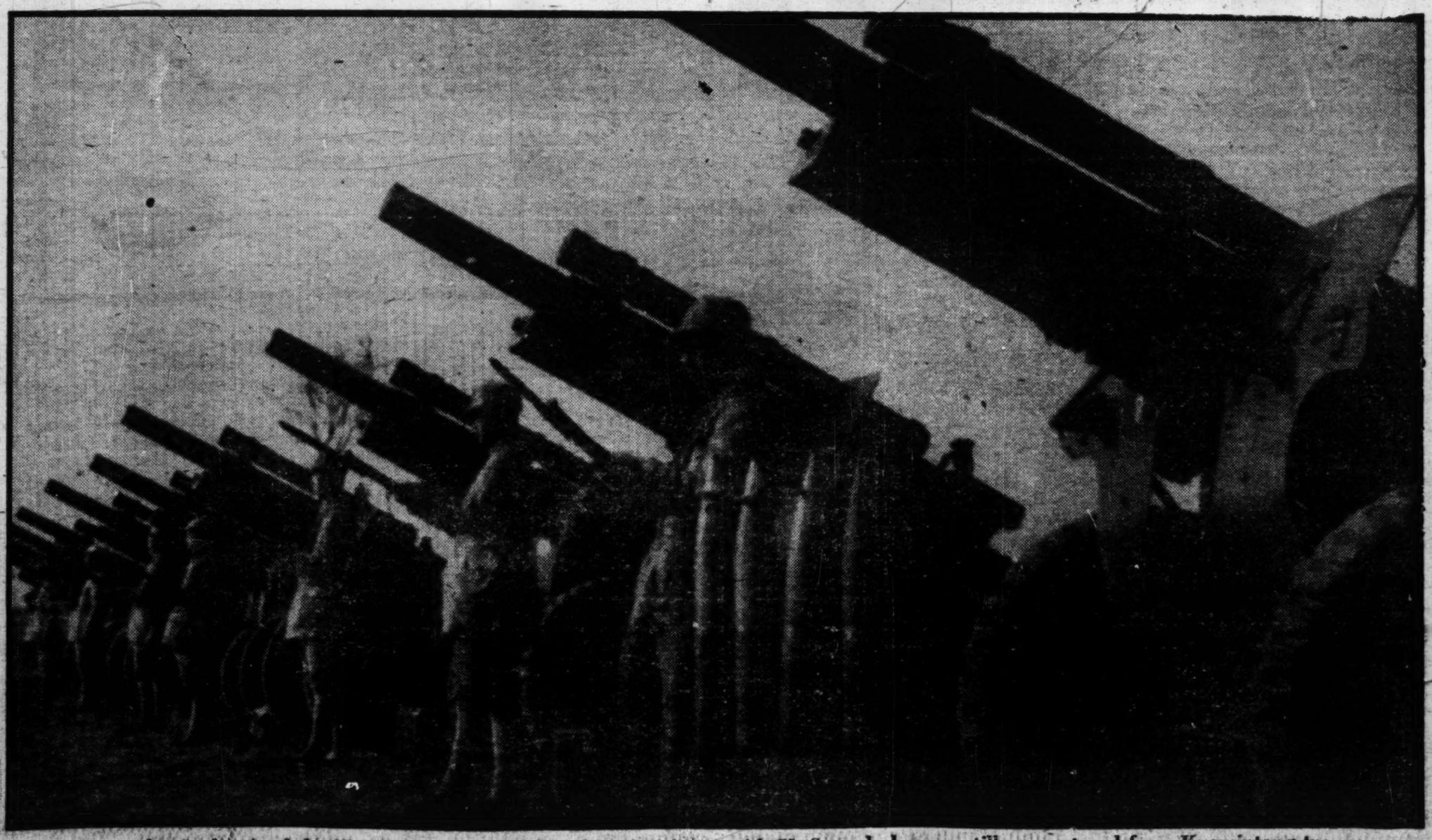
MAY DAY

End the Cold War

Repeal Taft-Hartley

For Negro Rights

Stop the Witchhunts



A mechanized unit of the Eastern China People's Liberation Army with U. S.-made heavy artillery captured from Kuomintang troops.

BANKS AND MAYOR BURKE PLOT TO GRAB OFF TRANSIT SYSTEM

By Elmer O. Fehlhaber

CLEVELAND, O.—Powerful banking interests are preparing to steal the Cleveland Transit System. Aided by Mayor Thomas Burke and officials of the Reconstruction Finance Corp. in Washington, the most brazen grab of the people's property in a decade is being engineered with lightning rapidity.

Unless an informed public awakens, the municipal transit system will within a short time be back in the hands of private bankers who before city ownership looted the system so thoroughly that it was practically wrecked.

The plot centers around a loan of $22,200,000 which has been negotiated with the RFC by Mayor Burke but not yet completed.

Besides opening a back window for the bankers to enter and carry off the loot, the RFC deal would do these things:

• Spent $16,000,000 of the loan—the interest rate is 4 percent—for the benefit of wealthy suburbanites by giving them a rapid transit system free of charge.

• Open the way for limited fare increases for the workers of Cleveland—some estimates run as high as 18 cents a ride—who will have to foot the bill for the rapid transit riders.

• Remove all public control of the system until 1974 and possibly 1994 with the bankers having their profits assured while no protection is provided for the car-and bus rider on fares and schedules.

• Place the streetcar men's union at the mercy of a bankers' transit board.

Mayor Burke obviously is fearful that despite the censorship of the banker press in Cleveland the details of the gigantic swindle will leak out. Hence, he has proposed that a charter amendment demanded by the RFC be rushed on the ballot at a special election some time in June or early July.

"I would like to work kind of fast," he confessed.

With the passage of the amendment, the RFC will through a mortgage grab control of not only the present property but any future additions.

It is already well known in financial circles that the RFC has no intention of retaining the mortgage but will transfer its title to private banking interests.

So lush is the prospect of easy booty that the Chase National Bank of New York is reported extremely interested in bidding for this ripe financial plum.

Chase may enter into competition with the powerful Cleveland Trust Co. which is believed to be one of the main promoters of the deal.

It is significant that the Cleveland **Plain Dealer**, the morning monopoly paper, has been pouring out reams of propaganda for the rapid transit loan under the cover of "better transportation." The **Plain Dealer** is linked with the Cleveland Trust through I. F. Freiberger who is the kingpin of the boards of directors of both the bank and the newspaper.

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IN THE DAYS before municipal ownership when the line was operated by the Cleveland Railway Co., the system with its equipment was wrecked by the bankers' greed for profits.

It finally reached the point where the bondholders were content to permit the city to take over the property with the calculation that the city's credit would guarantee their dividends.

After the city acquired the system millions of dollars in improvements were put into the property in an attempt to place the street cars and busses in running order.

Now the bankers, who reduced the line to bankruptcy, want to gain control again after the people through payment of high fares have vastly enhanced the value.

The transit board is to be enlarged to five members under the RFC arrangement. Although the actual language of the charter amendment has not been made public, it is known that the bankers behind the scene want the board to have the authority to name its own successors for the years covered by the loan.

Such a banker dominated board would immediately set about to accomplish two major steps.

First, raise the fare for Cleveland riders.

Second, cut the wages of the transit workers.

The RFC in Washington has been known from its birth as one of the most reactionary government agencies. It was once headed by Jesse Jones, an associate of former Vice-President Garner, Texas banker and bitter foe of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

DISCUSS OHIO WITCH-HUNT

COLUMBUS, O.—Tom Conner, legislative representative of the Progressive Party, has charged here that a conspiracy is afoot in the state legislature to "launch a witch-hunt in Ohio which would exceed any yet undertaken in any state or the federal government."

Two legislators from Cleveland, Sen. William Boyd (D), and Rep. Stephen A. Zone (D), are reported to be the ringleaders.

Senate Majority Leader Margarey Mahoney (D), Cleveland, and Sen. Howard Metzenbaum (D), Cleveland, were consulted, according to Conner's statement, and "frowned" on the scheme.

Boyd, a darling of the coal operators' lobby, is said to have wanted a considerable part of the investigation directed against nationality lodges.

It is possible that the investigation may be launched through a resolution introduced by Rep. Edward De Chant (D), Lorain, which on the surface is aimed at the Eagles regarding certain irregularities concerning slot machines.

Fear Breeds Foul Blows

By Gus Hall

FEDERAL COURTHOUSE, FOLEY SQUARE, N. Y. There is no other day of the year than this that I would rather spend with the working class of Ohio instead of listening to the garbage spewed out in this courtroom by the government's collection of stool pigeons.

It is hard to be here away from the center of activities in our state while such tremendous events are taking place around the Fawick strike, events that have raised issues of vital importance not only to Ohioans but to workers throughout the nation.



GUS HALL

It is hard, also, not to be on hand to celebrate the first anniversary of the Ohio Edition of The Worker this week for our press not only has played an important role in the struggle of the past 12 months but will, I am sure, battle even more vigorously and attract thousands upon thousands of new readers.

Reaction is swinging some wild punches at us

But a groggy desperate fighter always puts on this kind of front when he feels his knee buckling.

Capitalism is losing not only in Euroep and Asia.

Capitalism is losing out in our state where billions in wealth have been extracted from the workers.

The bosses know it.

That's why they're directing every rabbit punch and foul blow in the book at the coming champion—SOCIALISM.

I want to take this occasion to greet all of you through the pages of our press.
will respond!

I want especially to congratulate those who has been working day by day to prevent the illegality our our party.

Enlist the masses against fascism! The workers of Ohio

LAUSCHE'S 'FAIR EMPLOYMENT'

STATE OF OHIO

STATE NURSES BOARD

Rec. .....
Cd. .....
End. .....
Fee .....
App. .....
Mld. .....

Application for Certificate to Practice as Registered Nurse

FORM II

Race..... Native of..... Sex.....

Color of hair ..... Color of eyes..... Complexion.....

Single
Married
Widowed (Cross out words which do not apply) Weight..... Heig

COLUMBUS, O.—Gov. Frank J. Lausche, who has paraded as a friend of FEPC legislation, has a mess in his own governmental backyard to clean up.

Here is a reproduction of a question form issued by the Nurses' Board of the State of Ohio.

It not only asks "Race" but goes further than the usual discriminatory question by adding "Complexion."

The nurses' board is only one of many state institutions that operate on the basis of discrimination. No FEPC legislation is required for the elimination of such questionnaires.

An executive order from Gov. Lausche could bring an immediate change.

The existence of such questionnaires is further proof that Lausche has no particular desire to have a genuine FEPC bill enacted.

Even before the passage of the mutilated FEPC bill by the House, Lausche ordered weakening amendments inserted in the original text.

HANNAH TAKES A CRUISE

COLUMBUS, O.—At a time when the Ohio AFL needs to extend every possible effort for the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act, its state secretary, Phil Hannah, has run off to Montevideo, Uruguay, as a front man for American imperialism.

Hannah, formerly on Truman's payroll as assistant secretary of labor, is "out to better the lot of the Latin-American working people" which will undoubtedly come as a surprise to the victims of Wall Street exploitation.

One phase of his work is to disrupt the progressive trade unions of Latin America and promote controlled unions that will accept the program of American expansion.

Hannah had no comment on growing unemployment in Ohio as he sailed on his "mission."

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Judge Connell to Get Lashing at Hall Rally

Wallace Meeting to Hit Judicial Lawlessness

CLEVELAND, O.—Three distinguished European guests of Henry A. Wallace will learn of the domestic impact of the cold war when the outrages surrounding the Fawick Airflex strike are condemned at a mass meeting Saturday night, April 30, in the Music Hall of Public Auditorium.

The Progressive Party of Ohio urged a mass outpouring not only to salute Wallace and his three friends from European parliaments in their demand for world peace, but to display the indignation of the people against Judge James C. Connell's attempt to illegalize strikes and outlaw free speech.

Speaking with Wallace are Pierre Cot, Independent member of the French Chamber of Deputies; H. Lester Hutchinson, Labor Party member of the British House of Commons, and Michele Giua, left-Socialist member of the Italian Senate.

It was one of the local leaders of the Progressive Party, Norman Berman, who, with Joseph Krause, was jailed for writing a letter of protest to Judge Connell on his sentencing of strikers, fixing of bail amounting to $2,060,000 and declaration that the strike of the UE union was illegal.

Berman and Krause promptly wrote additional letters to the judge.

Connell's dictatorial decree to hold the two men without bail was upset by the Court of Appeals in a stinging criticism accusing Connell of violating the constitution of both the United States and the state of Ohio.

The mass meeting is also expected to draw additional forces into the Progressive Party at a time when it is about to put forward candidates and project issues in the municipal election campaign in Cleveland and throughout Ohio.

It will be the first visit of Wallace to Ohio since the Presidential campaign.

Text of Famed Free Speech Letter

CLEVELAND, O.—Here is a copy of the letter sent to Common Pleas Judge James Connell of Fawick strike infamy which brought an order from the bench to arrest the author, Norman Berman, chairman of People's Songs:

Judge Connell:

I have been requested by more than 50 persons in attendance last night at a People's Songs-sponsored concert to transmit the following:

We are appalled at, and strongly protest, your actions as judge in the court case of the Fawick Airflex Co. strikers.

It is our understanding that you have never acted so severely in the case of an alleged murderer.

It is truly a dishonorable mark upon our community to have one of our elected judges be responsible for one of the most outrageous miscarriages of justice in the history of our memory.

You have, we believe, allied yourself with the practicing forces of force and violence. We have and shall continue to support the striking victims of company, police and court violence.

Criticize Lausche

CLEVELAND, O.—County commissioners charged that the administration of Gov. Lausche was responsible for an impending 10 percent cut in poor relief and aid for dependent children because of failure of the state to supply adequate financing.

Background

To Fully Understand
The Fawick Strike

"The Vatican's Labor Philosophy"
By GEORGE MORRIS

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Also

"Marxist - Leninist Content and Methods in Party Activity"
By GUS HALL

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LAUDS CONNELL ARTICLE

Lakewood, O.

Editor, Ohio Edition:

I am very pleased that you called a spade a spade in your article on Judge Connell and the Fawick strike. Anyone close to the labor movement has realized for a long time that the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists are traitors to the union movement and the peace-loving people of America.

I am not an opponent of religion, but I am not going to stand idly by and permit some fanatics to establish another Spanish Inquisition.

ONCE A SOCIALIST.

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SUGGESTS WOBBLY TACTICS

Lorain, O.

Editor, Ohio Edition:

I never was a member of the I.W.W., although I often admired their guts. One of their tactics was to fill the jails with members from all over the country when one of their people was framed.

Maybe we should do this in the Fawick strike.

The way things are going now with characters like Judge Connell all the decent people will want to be in jail to show that they still believe in human justice.

STEELWORKER.

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ANOTHER WREN PROTEST

Cleveland, O.

Editor, Ohio Edition:

Such brutality in the case of Herman Wren must be stopped. No sheriff should be allowed to jail people without bail or keep them from notifying their people.

I understand this kind of doing caused this worker to lose his job. I thought this was supposed to be a democracy.

MARGARET WHERRY,
Chairman, Lodge 834, IWO.

RAPS SHERIFF SWEENEY

Cleveland, O.

Editor, Ohio Edition:

Such brutality and inhuman attitudes as in the case of Mr. Herman Wren have no place in American democracy. Steps should be taken so that no sheriff can so callously eliminate the protection guaranteed by the constitution.

EUGENE BAYER, Vice-President, JPFO.

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REASON FOR TRIAL

Cleveland, O.

Editor, Ohio Edition:

The main reason for the trial of the American Communists is to save our country for the Pyramid Clubs, including those Pyramid Clubs that use commodities as bait.

J. C.

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SCENTS A FRAUD

Cleveland, O.

Editor, Ohio Edition:

I can't make head or tail out of the newspaper accounts of the loan the city is getting from Washington for a rapid transit system.

It smells bad. Can't you get into this thing and let the people know what's going on?

BUS-RIDER.

(Editor's Note:—Turn to Page 1-A. We'll have more to report on this scandal in the future.)

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COMMENTS ON FEPC

Dayton, O.

Editor, Ohio Edition:

Your paper has rendered a real service for the minority groups in Ohio by exposing the worthlessness of the FEPC bill as passed by the House. It is too bad that most of the newspapers published by the minority groups don't tell the people the facts.

It will be a hard blow to many to learn that jobs are not available through FEPC.

At least your paper has not deceived us.

RESTAURANT WORKER.

Louisville ADA in Union Splitting Move

By Giles Cooper

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Sporadic strikes, work stoppages and firing continue at the International Harvester plant here as part of the conflict of the company and both the UAW-CIO and UAW-AFL against the CIO Farm Equipment Union.

The company is following a practice of firing FE militants, thus forcing local work stoppages and temporary shutdowns in the various departments.

The situation is especially critical in the foundry, where, in addition to the conflicts outlined, two additional AFL locals are attempting to muscle in. Evidently the policy of the company is: 1. Divide and conquer. 2. Align any and all possible right wing unions against the militant FE.

The possibility of a lockout looms. No sooner is one group of militant FE men fired on petty technicalities—in an effort to behead the union—than other militants arise to take their places.

Ed Wyler, secretary of the Kentucky Federation of Labor and an active ADA leader, has, according to a statement made to this reporter by one of Wyler's Social Democratic henchmen, made it his main task to disrupt the FE in Louisville by any and all means.

An election will be held at the plant within a few weeks to determine whether the FE, which represents the 3,000 men employed there, or the UAW-CIO shall bargain with the International management at Louisville.

Unemployment is on the upsurge throughout the state. All employment and relief agencies are very busy places and can be easily located by the surrounding crowds of jobless.

The coal miners in the state's three UMWA districts are grimly preparing for the expected struggle for the 30-hour week. Many are moving out of the coal camps to adjoining hill farms or seeking other employment.

The various UMWA headquarters appear unusually active with personnell actually bustling about. But they are not giving out any reports or information.

MAYBE LEUTNER FAVORED SLAVERY

CLEVELAND, O.—Retiring President Winfred G. Leutner of Western Reserve University unwittingly compared the Communist Party of today with the abolitionists of Civil War days.

Leutner, declaring his opposition to communism, said that "this is by no means the first time, however, that the university campus has been faced with such issues."

"During the Civil War, the issue of abolition almost wrecked the college," he said, speaking of the period when the anti-slavery advocates were the radicals of that period.

Refusal to Send Negro To Chain Gang Upheld

PITTSBURGH.—Judge Henry Ellenbogen of Common Pleas Court has reaffirmed a decision previously handed down by Judge Samuel Weiss refusing to extradite to Georgia James Moreland, 32, a Negro fugitive from the chain gang.

Rightists Run PAC

CLEVELAND, O.—Endorsement of reactionary Democratic candidates, including Mayor Thomas Burke, by the local Political Action Committee, was seen as the extreme right wing of the CIO filled all the offices of the county committee.

American Radiator Lays Off 700 More

PITTSBURGH.—The vast steel fabricating industry in this area has been jolted by the sudden shutdown of the American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corp. putting 700 workers on the street.

Two other branches of the firm, the Baltimore factory, employing 1,300, and the Louisville, Ky, brass works, employing 400, are also to be shutdown, officials of the corporation have disclosed.

The plants manufacture cast iron bath tubs, lavatories, kitchen sinks and laundry trays.

The plants have been operating steadily for the past several years piling up a huge supply of the company's products as well as record profits.

Negro Bystander Brutally Beaten By Louisiana Cops

NEW ORLEANS, La.—On Sunday, April 10, the Young Progressives conducted an outdoor registration school at the corner of Melpomene and Freret. At a table on the sidewalk they had literature and posters. Three or four attendants explained to inquirers what they had to do in order to register and vote.

A squad car pulled up, and the two policemen in it growled: "What you tryin' to do, teach these people rights?" (One policeman's badge was No. 665.) When they asked Frank Ervin, white student at the table, if he were there alone, he said "Yes" to protect his three Negro co-workers.

Samuel Spears, 40, a Negro resident of the neighborhood, living at 3831 Duplessis St., stopped at the table to look at the display. Spears is not a member of the Progressive Party, and was a complete stranger to the Young Progressives at the outdoor booth.

One of the cops gruffly told Spears to "move on," then the other cop said, "Kick that n----r!" Spears, about to move on, looked around. The first cop grabbed him by the collar, and Spears put up his hand to protect his sunglasses, expecting a blow.

"Oh, so you're resistin' arrest, hey?" the cop said.

"I ain't resistin' arrest, officer," Speers said.

The Young Progressives present testify that Spears did not resist or fight back. He is a small man, about 5 ft. 6 in. in height and weighing about 142 pounds.

Miss Judy Smith, one of the people in charge, phoned the executive secretary of the C. R. C. He at once tried every method to save the man from the beating that we have come to expect whenever the police arrest a Negro, whatever the cause. The desk sergeant at Precinct 2 said Spears had not yet been booked.

Meanwhile Mrs. Samuel Spears tried to get help from Henry Hennessey, proprietor of the Hennessey Optical Goods concern, 427 Penn St., where her husband had been employed as a porter for more than two years. Finally, Mr. Hennessey went down to the Second Precinct and heard the police side of the case. His action was to fire Spears forthwith.

As Spears tells the story, the two arresting officers started to beat him as soon as they got him in the precinct. The desk sergeant interupted the beating long enough to take Spears' name and address, and other routine questions. Then the beating was resumed. Five policemen took part. "A policeman hit me with a billy, and then another policeman hit me. They hit me from behind, from the side, from everywhere. They knocked me down and kicked me. The desk sergeant kicked me in the chin. Then they stomped on me."

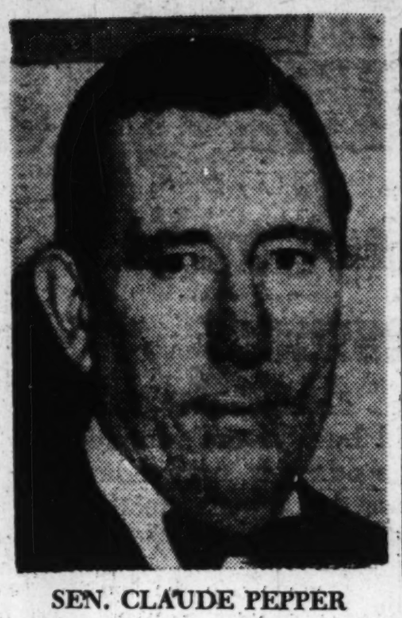
Then the guardians of the law, Spears says, took him up to a cell and left him there, raw and bleeding, without treatment, till the next day. At 11:15 a.m. Tureaud, a lawyer, got him paroled. At once Spears was taken to Charity Hospital, examined and X-rayed, and it was found that in addition to bruises and contusions and a cut chin, he had a burst ear drum.

Pepper Backs War Pact, Floridians Denounce Him

TAMPA, Fla.—In a strongly-worded statement to Sen. Claude Pepper of Florida a number of prominent civic leaders urged the Senator to act and speak out against the North Atlantic Military Alliance. They declared that the NAMA "is subjecting the nation to the continually increasing danger of disastrous and wholly unnecessary war."

Sen. Pepper has already publicly declared that he favors the alliance. He even went further and stated that, following the ratification of the alliance by the Senate, military aid must be given to those countries that signed the Alliance.

This saber-rattling and warmongering by Sen. Pepper is finding widespread opposition in liberal and progressive circles in Florida. Many former Pepper supporters have learned that Pepper left the progressive camp and has become a front-man for the Truman administration



SEN. CLAUDE PEPPER

The movement against Pepper and the NAMA is growing in Florida. Among the signers of the statement to Pepper are: Col. Raymond Robins, Brooksville; Jack Kofoed, columnist, Miami Herald; John H. Reynolds, Assistant Professor of Social Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville; Prof. Guy G. Becknell, University of Tampa; M. A. Soper, Pastor (Methodist); John M. Coe, State Chairman, Progressive Party; William R. Stevenson, Minister Union Congregational Church, Jacksonville; Edward G. Maxted, Episcopal Minister, Retired, Warrington; Max Selig, Teacher, Winter Park; John R. Reed, secretary RSCE, Apopka; Gerald Gilbert Gavorchin, Assistant Professor of History, University of Miami; W. M. Mullen, Sebring; Elbert Russell, St. Petersburg.

Murray's Anti-Negro Aides Try to Destroy Mine Union

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union (CIO) has demanded that Philip Murray immediately convene a special meeting of the CIO Executive Board to hear charges against Murray's United Steel Workers for terroristic, anti-Negro raiding in this area. The raiding occurred in a consent election of Tennessee Coal and Iron Company ore miners in this area April 21.

The steel union's campaign, handled by Murray's personal representative, Nick A. Zonarich, included open conspiracy with the company, a United States Steel Company subsidiary, and a fascist-like reign of terror that resulted in putting Maurice Travis, secretary-treasurer of the International Mine, Mill Union, into the hospital badly injured and facing the probability that he will be permanently blinded.

Company union elements, including many who did not deny charges that they were active Ku Klux Klansmen, were used by paid staffmen of the United Steel Workers of America to start a lily-white secession movement in five TCI locals of the Mine, Mill Union three months ago. Murray issued the secessionists charters as CIO Industrial locals. The movement finally resulted in a consent election on April 21.

Murray sent Zonarich here to take charge and as the result of a reign of terror by gangs of hoodlums, led by Zonarich, the vote went against Mine, Mill, 2,696 to 2,233. The Negro workers, in the face of a red-baiting and Negro-baiting campaign by the raiders, voted solidly for Mine, Mill. Gangs of hoodlums, led by Zonarich and Bob Christopherson, a CIO Southern Drive employee, terrorized workers.

The telegram sent to Murray, signed by International MM&SW president John Clark and International vice presidents Reid Robinson and Orville Larson, declared:

"We are confident that the members of the United Steel Workers of America and all other members of CIO do not wish to see their per capita spent on gangster union busting. This attack on our union in the South is especially despicable since your representatives have been using the race issue to divide the iron ore miners in the face of an outstanding fight against racial discrimination by our union. Also participating in the attack were the leaders of the company unions outlawed by the Wagner Act, who are now members of the United Steel Workers of America."

Terror marked the entire campaign. One Mine, Mill staff member was kidnapped and held for several hours and the union office was entered and ransacked. One white ore miner who was an election observer declared that threats were made to workers even at the voting booths. "It was the most unfair thing I have ever seen," he said. "It was un-American."

This Steel Worker Union campaign to split white workers away from Mine, Mill by terror and Negro-baiting is clearly a part of the long term strategy of the TCI company. For several years the company has been hiring mostly white workers to shift the percentage of Negro-white composition.

Kentucky Students Vote on Segregation

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Three proposals for ending racial and religious discrimination on the campus of the University of Louisville have been voted down by the student body.

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OF THE 5,000 members of the student body, 2,136 voted, which is a record for the University of Louisville. Also unprecedented was the fact that a Negro student of Louisville Municipal College (the jimcrow college of the University of Louisville) was a member of the committee of three who counted the ballots. By this act, though by the back door, Negroes were admitted to the student management of the joint affairs of the colleges which make up the University of Louisville.

Spokesmen for the progressives said that the fight has only begun and this election represents the first gun in an active campaign to abolish discrimination from the campus, to end the present jimcrow situation where Negro students are segregated into the Municipal College and denied the facilities and barred from the social life of the university as a whole. Louisville progressive stutend to interest students in other Kentucky universities and colleges in the fight against discrimination and chauvinism.

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THE FIGHT began when Lyman Johnson, a teacher in a Louisville high school, brought suit in federal court to gain admittance to the University of Kentucky Graduate School at Lexington, Ky. Federal Judge Church Ford ruled that the University of Kentucky would have to admit Johnson as a student and accord him the privileges accorded other students.

Besides Judge Ford's ruling, two other factors favor the possibility that Kentucky's infamous Day Law (the law which bars whites and Negroes meeting together in school and elsewhere) may become a dead letter. They are: People of Negro ancestry have already matriculated at the University of Kentucky as exchange students from foreign countries. And scouts for the "Wildcats" basketball team have their eyes on a couple of star Negro netmen.

CIO Would Expel Pleader for Peace

HOUSTON, Tex.—Instead of eliminating jimcrow practices at its meetings and fighting for "pork-chop" issues of the workers, the CIO council here is trying to expel a member who signed a letter calling for an end to the cold war.

At its last meeting, the Council drew up charges against Jacqueline Nelson, Business Agent of Local 75, Food, Tobacco, and Agricultural Workers Union (FTA), and appointed a special trial committee.

Miss Nelson was charged with violating the section of the Council Constitution which prohibits membership in the Council to "persons who subscribe to Nazi, Fascist, or Communist principles, or participate in activities supporting these principles," and with "bringing the CIO Council into ill repute through various communicative letters."

The letter referred to was an open letter to President Truman, Secretary of State Dean Acheson, and Senator Tom Connally, calling for a change in our foreign policy from one of "cold war" to one of peace. The open letter denounced the Atlantic Pact and called on President Truman to accept the offer of the Soviet Union to hold peaceful negotiations between the two countries to settle outstanding differences. This letter was signed by church, civic, labor, and professional leaders throughout Texas.

In a public statement distributed to thousands of workers throughout the Houston area, the Executive Board of Local 75, FTA, demanded that the charges against Miss Nelson be dropped. "Is red-baiting the way members of the Houston Area CIO Council cover up their failure to fight on pork chop issues"? the union statement asked. The FTA statement demanded to know why the CIO Council had not offered strike aid to the 600 FTA compress workers recently on strike; and why the Council has not drawn up a program for the fight against layoffs, speed-up, and for the 100 percent repeal of the Taft-Hartley law. The FTA statement criticized jimcrow at CIO Council meetings, and called on the Council "to spend its time on a constructive program for peace and preparation against the looming depression."

Wilkerson Tops May Day Program

RICHMOND, Va.—Dr. Doxey Wilkerson, noted educator, author and recent star witness in exposing the jimcrow, richman's Grand Jury system, will be the chief speaker at a May Day celebration here Sunday, May 1.



The celebration will take place at 3:30 p.m. at Price's Hall, 212 East Leigh Street.

Richmonders have been urged to come to the celebration to protest the recent brutal killing of a Negro farmer in Charles City County, only 20 miles from Richmond, by an ABC Board Inspector. They have been invited to participate in the meeting to help win peace, jobs, security and to end segregation.

Also a special feature of the May Day celebration will be the showing of "Native Land," a special full-length feature film, in which Paul Robeson sings and narrates.

BIGOTS FORCE OUT COLLEGE PRESIDENT

RICHMOND, Va.—Dr. Riley B. Montgomery, President of the Lynchburg College resigned following criticisms by bigoted "white supremacists" because he permitted Negro students from the Virginia State College to have social contact with the white students at a weekend conference and social gathering last year.

The Negro students attended an inter-racial meeting on the Lynchburg College campus. After the meeting they were invited to join a dance sponsored by white students.

Since that time, Dr. Montgomery, who upheld the right of the races to get together, has been under fire by the local race haters.

Dr. Montgomery is to assume the presidency of the College of the Bible at Lexington, Ky.

Reply to the No Wage Rise

STEUBENVILLE, O.—The fighting traditions of May 1 are revived in a letter from the Communist Party of the Ohio Valley addressed to steel workers on the vital wage question.

The letter is as follows:

Several days ago some of the officers of Local Union 1190, United Steelworkers of America, CIO, sent out a letter disassociating themselves from the wage increase stickers that a number of you received and several of which are enclosed.

They stated in their letter that the purpose of the stickers was to create confusion and dissension in the union.

Since when is the fight for a wage increase and for pensions which Wheeling Steel workers need a creation of confusion?

The purpose of the stickers is clear: to fight for a 30-cent an hour wage increase and for $100 a month pension. That is the "intended effect" of the stickers.

Brothers Campbell, Amedie, Moody and Rogers ask that you use your efforts and influence to counteract the "intended effect" of the stickers.

The only way such a statement can be interpreted is that these brothers are opposed to a wage increase, opposed to pensions.

If that is what they mean, and we hope it isn't, then they are serving not the membership of Local 1190, but the interests of the Wheeling Steel Corporation.

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WE CALL upon all sincere and honest trade unionists to demand wage increases now, and to call upon the Wage Policy Committee to formulate such a demand. The contract expires on July 15. Time is growing short—only the voice of the membership will bring action.

If you ask for nothing—you get nothing, and the steel trust keeps taking away more and more hard won benefits.

Wheeling Steel made over fifteen million dollars profit in 1948—profits made by speedup, by increasing your productivity and shortening your life.

A wage increase and pensions can be won—but only if the corporation feels the muscle of the steel workers.

The rank and file must speak up for the wage increase!

Unfortunately, some people in high places in the union are more interested in supporting the Marshall Plan (the Wall Street war plan), or in getting themselves fancy political jobs than in fighting for the needs of the steel workers.

Some people are more interested in playing Republican or Democratic (big business) politics in Steubenville than in the welfare of the union membership.

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IT'S TIME to ask these people: Which side are you on? The bosses or the workers?

Redbaiting has always been part of the bosses' bag of tricks to confuse and divide the workers. Trade unionists who redbait are playing the bosses' game. The redscare is designed to blind the workers against fighting for a wage increase, to create a smokescreen behind which big business can lead our country into an atomic war.

It is significant that Gus Hall, one of the pioneer organizers of the CIO steelworkers and a Communist, is on trial today in New York.

Gus is typical of a Communist steel worker. He has never given up the fight for the things the people need and deserve. Because Gus and eleven of his comrades on the National Committee of the Communist Party are consistent fighters for the things the people need—peace, socialism with no more depressions—they are on trial on the frame-up charge that they seek to overthrow the government by force and violence.

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THIS IS the Hitler-fascist game. This trial is an attack on democracy—an attack on our bread and butter.

Protest this trial of Gus Hall and the other eleven.

The fight for the freedom of Gus Hall is linked with the fight of the rank and file for higher wages, an end to speed up, and pensions.

The corporations know full well that the Communists in steel and coal in the Ohio Valley will bend every effort to win improvements for the working class.

That is why they are trying to jail the leadership of the Communist Party.

What Hitler couldn't do can't be done by Injunction Harry in the White House.

Unity against the bosses spells victory for the working class.

Speedup Cuts Pay In 100-Inch Mill

HOMESTEAD

Dear Editor:

This company (U. S. Steel) sure is taking us for a ride.

Out in the Furnace Roll Table Crew the bosses used to dish out the blarney of how we workers would make more money by speeding up production. Lately, however, they've cut out a lot of this gum-beating.

Here's why: **Just recently, one turn in the 100-inch will produce 1,700 tons of plates. A few days later, another shift turned out 1,100 tons of plates. But guess which shift got more pay? The gang that turned out the lesser number of plates. They received 13.1 pay hours compared to the 12 hours pay of the crew that turned out the 1,700 plates.**

HOMESTEAD STEELWORKER

Double the Circulation Again!

On this May Day, which also marks the First Anniversary of the Ohio Edition of The Worker, we salute the press of the working class for its fine achievements in the previous twelve months.

In that period, thanks to the energy and devotion of the supporters of the Ohio Edition—Communist and non-Communist—the paper, directing its main content to the workers in basic industry—doubled its circulation.

The Ohio Edition has ripped aside the screen of censorship of the commercial press and brought forth the facts on the exploitation of the working people of Ohio by the owners of the factories.

The Ohio Edition has been a relentless champion of the Negro people and other minorities.

The Ohio Edition has promoted the unity of the citizens of Ohio for peace in the world and security with advanced living standards at home.

Its impact has stirred new forces into action behind programs of progress.

It has held out the goal of all mankind—SOCIALISM.

It is an imperative of the day that the Ohio Edition of The Worker reach thousands of additional readers in our state.

We pledge ourselves—and call upon the working class of Ohio to participate in ever greater numbers—to again in this critical year DOUBLE the circulation of the Ohio Edition.

State Committee,
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Connell Continues His Lawbreaking Spree

CLEVELAND, O.—When attorneys for the United Radio, Electrical and Machine Workers, CIO, went before Justice Carl V. Weygandt of the Ohio Supreme Court to seek the removal of prejudiced Judge James C. Connell they were assured "you'll get an American trial."

Returning to the courtroom of Connell, twice rebuked by the Court of Appeals for violating the constitutions of the United States and Ohio in the Fawick Airflex strike, "the American trial" took on the appearance of a medieval court.

Connell, who has outlawed a union, banned picketing, jailed pickets at both the plant and his home and jailed writers of letters of protest, showed his further disdain for constitutional procedure when he:

Applied a political test to a strike leader.

Applied a religious test.

The leader was Joseph Kres, business representative of Local 735, UE-CIO, who as a result of his refusal to answer was sentenced to 30 days in jail and fined $1,500. Earlier Judge Connell sentenced Kres to 40 days in jail with a fine of $2,000.

Kres was asked by Homer Marshman, company attorney: "Are you a member of the Communist Party?"

With the question having no relationship to the strike, Kres refused to answer on constitutional grounds.

"I instruct you to answer the question," Judge Connell, a leader in the local Knights of Columbus and a fanatical follower of the "holy war" program against the Soviet Union.

The religious question was:

"Do you belong to any organization that disbelieves in a Supreme Being?"

Marshman introduced a photograph of Kres at the trial, a contempt hearing growing out of the strike, which showed the leader at a union rally in 1942 called for the purpose of increasing war production.

Marshman claimed that the letter "B" on a placard stood for Earl Browder while Kres pointed out that the "B" was for "Better Production."

AFTER ALL, SHE'S A GRASSELLI

CLEVELAND, O. — Don't try this unless you come from a wealthy family. Otherwise you may land in jail charged with bigamy.

Jane Grasselli, chemical fortune heiress, married Count Cesare Pier Alberto Buzzi Gradenigo in Rome in 1934. She secured an annulment in 1941 and married Henri de Chambrier of Switzerland.

The count didn't like the brush-off and got the annulment set aside. That leaves Madame Grasselli—Gradenigo—Chambrier with two legal husbands. It will be fixed up.

Strike Broken, NLRB Upholds UE

DAYTON, O.—Management of the Univis Lens Co. plant has been found guilty of interfering in the NLRB decertification election in 1948.

The strike by the UE-CIO last year at Univis was one of the major labor struggles of Ohio with Gov. Thomas Herbert calling out the National Guard to aid the company.

Dayton was on the edge of a general strike in support of the workers who massed in picket lines numbering thousands.

BUCKEYE BRIEFS

By Jean Krchmarek

THE HATRED for Franklin D. Roosevelt lingers on. It is customary in the state legislature on appropriate occasions to salute the various presidents of the United States through resolutions and memorials.

In the House a resolution was presented to commemorate the fourth anniversary of the death of FDR. It was adopted by a standing vote but half the Republican members remained seated.

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FRANKLIN LEWIS, sports writer for the Cleveland Press, who assumes that he has more authority over the Indians than Bill Veeck, has become worried over the Daily Worker's sports column.



JEAN KRCHMAREK

He is particularly indignant because of a Worker prediction that Luke Easter, Negro first baseman of the Indians' San Diego farm club, is hailed as "the mightiest slugger since Babe Ruth."

You can form your estimate of Lewis through his statement regarding the Worker's "hysteria and prejudice in favor of a baseball player who stems from one of the D. W.'s carefully promoted minority groups."

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BAY VILLAGE outside Cleveland is the second suburb to move toward decontrol of rent. Shaker Heights was the first.

We heard someone chuckle over the possibility of higher rents reaching the wealthy first. It would be well to restrain the laughter. The suburban move is only the opening wedge against the working class in larger centers.

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G. A. RICHARDS, who has controlled station WGAR in Cleveland and other radio stations, has been "retired" on the eve of an airing of charges that he ordered news broadcasts concerning President Roosevelt and the Jews to be distorted.

It was feared that the station's advertising would drop off drastically with the presentation of evidence before the Federal Communications Commission.

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THE FIRST Communist Party shop paper in the steel industry has made its appearance at the American Steel & Wire plant in Cleveland. Titled the "Red Rod," it's a lively four-page publication with a number of pictures and cartoons.

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THERE WAS a time when Louis Seltzer, editor of the Cleveland Press, was willing to hire high priced lawyers to defend the right to criticize any decision by a judge.

Logically, Louie should have been the first to come to the defense of Norman Berman and Joseph Krause, who were jailed for protesting the Fawick outrage.

Apparently Louie is too busy counting the thousands of dollars he collected from the public for that war memorial on the mall.

There has been progress on the memorial. A small sign on a vacant space on the mall informs passersby that this is the site.

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THIRTY THOUSAND of Cleveland's 40,000 official jobless are men of which one-third are veterans, according to B. C. Seiple of the Employment Service.

Actually the figure is higher and does not take into account the thousands who are working only a few days a week.

Future prospects are poor, Seiple admitted.

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THE AFL federal unions under the "leadership" of Jesse Gallagher were all set to offer scab service in the Machinists' Union strike at Warner & Swasey. The Fawick uproar caused the scheme to be sidetracked for the time being.

A company union is being considered now.

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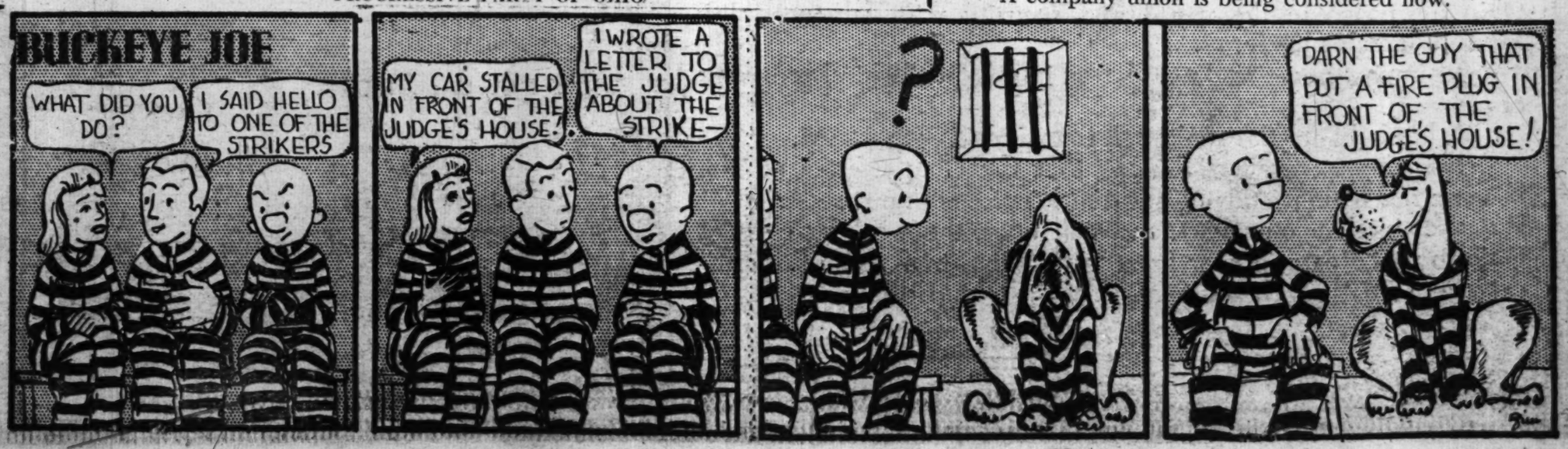
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Peace Is Issue in 20th Race

Dr. Annette Rubinstein, ALP and progressive-backed candidate for the seat vacated by death of Rep. Sol Bloom, charges that her three rivals in the four-cornered race back the cold war and the Atlantic Pact.

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Communists' May Day Call

Greetings to the American working class from the National Committee of the Communist Party, U. S. A.

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China, Berlin and the Peace

An Editorial

While the Liberation Armies carry out Mao Tse-tung's Order of the Day, a Communist spokesman predicts sure victory, then swift industrialization.

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Peace Congress Achievements

There were plenty of misrepresentations about the Paris Peace Congress, but the sessions produced a solid list of achievements for peace.

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MAY DAY

End the Cold War

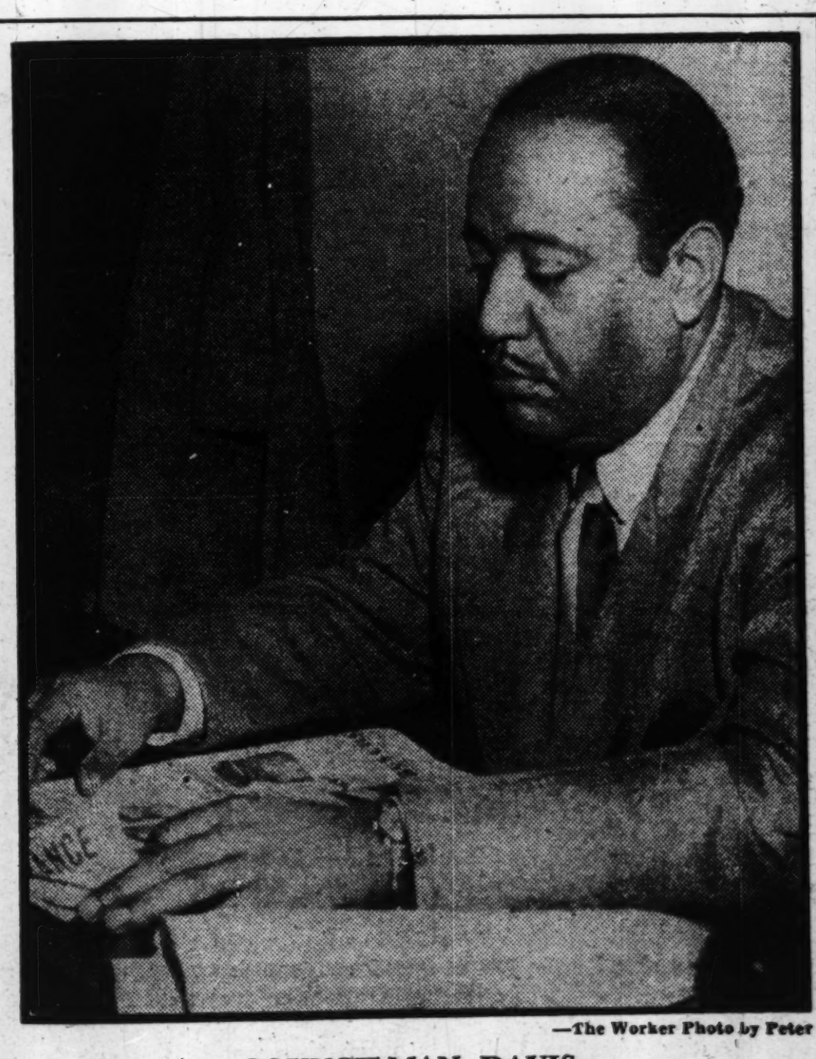
Repeal Taft-Hartley

For Negro Rights

Stop the Witchhunts

BEN DAVIS TO RUN FOR RE-ELECTION

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—The Worker Photo by Peter

COUNCILMAN DAVIS
At City Hall press conference on his candidacy

AROUND THE STATE

SARATOGA SPRINGS. — The Troy Area Conference of the Methodist Church adopted a resolution declaring that the United States and the Soviet Union could live in peace together.

The Conference attended by ministerial and lay delegates from New York's Hudson Valley resolved that "peace is the greatest task before the church in this generation."

This resolution follows up similar peace declarations made by numerous other church bodies throughout the country in recent weeks indicating a vast potential to build broad united community movements around the single issue of opposition to war.

SYRACUSE.—Using the Order of Purple Heart Vets as a cover, Thurlow Southwick and Irving J. Davis, local reactionary Legion heads organized an anti-Communist rally in this city April 21. It will be recalled that this same Southwick and Davis recently succeeded in getting the Board of Education to deny the use of a public building to the ALP and YPA for rallies on the "Trenton Six" case.

Southwick imported, as the featured speaker, a Cecil Palmer, British ultra reactionary who went so far as to term Bevin's fake "Socialist" government a "twin to Communism."

The meeting was held at the Lincoln Auditorium where several months prior Henry Wallace, speaking for the ALP, filled the hall to capacity with 2,400 persons. Southwick's anti-Communist rally fell flatter than the proverbial pancake! The best that the local press could say was that "several hundred attended."

BULLETIN

BUFFALO.—Over 150 delegates representing trade unions and community organizations assembled at the Grosvenor Public Library last Tuesday and mapped a program for an estimated 50,000 jobless here and in surrounding towns.

Central immediate demand called for increasing unemployment insurance payments to $35 per week and extending the period of coverage from 26 to 52 weeks.

A "Continuations Committee" was designated to organize follow-up activities for the achievement of the entire program adopted at the conference.

Full story will appear in next week's issue of The Upstate Worker.

Quisling in New Job

PARIS.—Bao Dai, French Quisling and former Emperor of Annam, left here this week with nine members of his "official" family for Dalat, French Indo-China, where he will seek to set up a pro-French government. The French imperialist government has been hard put to rule its Asiatic colony since World War II, due to the armed fight of the Viet-Nammese there for full freedom and independence.

Steel Local Membership Raps Redbaiting Clique



By Jonnie Ellis

BUFFALO.—In a dramatic repudiation of red-baiting, members of Local 2603 of the CIO Steelworkers Union, voted suspension of seven rabidly anti-Communist officials.

The ouster grew out of the demands of the suspended officers that the Local sign the non-Communist affidavits required by the Taft-Hartley law. This move was defeated by a vote of two to one at a recent membership meeting.

The disgruntled officials, smarting at the lacing they took, notified the **Buffalo Evening News** that if the membership did not back them they would resign. The Local's members reacted to these thinly-veiled threats by removing the officers—first from their positions as stewards and then from Board Membership.

On April 20th, the Local's trial committee found that the eight deposed officials were guilty of having made "false allegations and disrupting the union."

Among those suspended are: William P. Hughus, former Local president and leader of the red-baiting clique; Pasquale Ricci, former Local trustee; Walter Janowski, former Local vice-president. All three were suspended for thirty days and were barred from running for office in the Local for two years.

Russ Depasquale, veteran Communist steel organizer and former president of the Local, said of the suspensions:

"The members of Local 2603 showed how to stop the red-baiters. This demonstrates that workers want leaders who will fight for their interests and not those who play footsie with employers by pushing Taft-Hartley."

By Russell Depasquale

BUFFALO. — Local 2603, the largest steel local in the area, will shortly hold elections for executive board members to replace the Huges union-splitting clique, who were suspended and fined last week. The membership will have a chance to repudiate these do-nothing phonies and elect a real progressive slate, ready and willing to fight for wage increases and other worker needs.

What militant rank and file action can accomplish with left-wing leadership is demonstrated by the victory won by Local 1199 at the Bond plant of the American Radiator Co. Here five Negro workers were laid off, despite seniority, because the company maintained they could not do the jobs of men with lesser seniority. The union demanded the laid-off workers be given an opportunity to learn, forcing the company to consent to a seven-day trial. The first man made the minimum in three hours!

Contrast this with what happens under right-wing leadership. Vernall Shoffner, a Negro worker in the Open Hearth, was fired because a foreman was "out to get him." The grievance committee chairman refused to lift a finger in his behalf. The men from the Open Hearth stuck with Shoffner and asked president Jack Gordon of Local 1743 for help. No dice. When talk moved to discussion of direct action, international representative Dave Snedden nixed it. This is the same local where talk of a wage increase has been ruled illegal.

In spite of this situation, the fight for wage increases led by Communists and progressives in locals all over the country, is having its effects on top-level leadership. David J. MacDonald, secretary-treasurer of the United Steelworkers, in a speech delivered at Holy Cross College, declared that the first job of the steel union this year is to win a substantial wage increase. The same week, at a meeting called by vice-president James Thimmes to discuss demands for the workers of American Can and Continental Can Co., a program was adopted for a substantial wage increase, social insurance and pensions.

However, this new attitude of the leadership of the international has not filtered down to the local leadership in District 4 in Buffalo. District director Maloney and his staff are still blocking a real fight on wages. They used the same old arguments, "prices are going down," "this is no time for wage demands," "the main thing this year is insurance and welfare," etc.

Of course, "substantial" may mean one thing to Murray and MacDonald and another to the worker in the shop. It is up to the rank and file to make sure the leadership knows what it means by "substantial." They can do this by fighting for specific amounts from 20-30 cents. With earnings cut by elimination of overtime, as at Republic, layoffs at Bond, Symington-Gould and other shops, and short weeks at Bond and Bethlehem, a wage increase is necessary just to bring earnings back to where they were a few months ago. That is why the election in 2603 is of such importance. A victory for the progressive slate will go a long way toward insuring a wage increase this July.

Carey Redbaits UE--Dodges Wage Issue

By Joe Collyer

SYRACUSE.—James B. Carey, secretary of the CIO, told a sparsely attended banquet for stewards of Local 320, UE that plans are afoot to take the national UE out of the progressive lineup.

He announced that a national meeting will be held in Dayton, Ohio, on May 7. The theme of the meeting will be the boss-inspired jingle, "Throw out the Communists."

Despite the fact that the banquet charged no admission, fully two-thirds of those invited did not attend. Half the seats were empty, and not a single Negro attended. From start to finish, Carey's speech was a diatribe against Communism. He uttered no word of criticism against General Electric, nor did he offer a word of explanation of his recent talks with company executives on strictly internal union matter. He called for the romoval of the entire leadership of the national UE on the grounds that they are all "Communists."

Turning to political issues, Carey's tone was obviously defensive. He made no attempt to defend the Atlantic Pact, a fact tending to indicate that the CIO's top leadership is feeling the sentiment of union members for peace. The Marshall Plan was represented by Carey as designed to "feed the hungry" of Europe.

The issue of wage increases, now claiming the attention of all GE workers, received passing attention from Carey. He was too busy discussing Communism. Paying lip service to workers' demand for higher pay, he contented himself with the brief remark that "CIO wants a wage raise this year."

Carey wound up his speech by thanking his listeners for keeping their noses to the bosses' grindstone "under extreme difficulties." Obviously, he was referring to the red-baiting which forms the only activity his followers engage in these days.

Push School Bias

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Segregation in education was expanded here this week when the State of Alabama made an appropriation to build a separate state university and law school for Negroes. The action followed a U. S. Supreme Court decision that states must provide equal educational opportunities for whites and Negroes.

At Schenectady 'GE'

'Higher Wages—Not Layoffs!' Communist Party Demands

By Harold Klein
Chairman, Communist Party of Schenectady

SCHENECTADY.—Although layoffs at the General Electric plant are not yet widespread, workers are becoming jittery. Many of them have been downgraded while hundreds more have been laid off.

The Communist Party of Schenectady is meeting this worsening situation by actively campaigning for workers to demand a 30-hour week with 40 hours' pay. Last week, the Party distributed leaflets at the shop gates which pushed the slogan, "Win a wage increase to protect your jobs."

"To the extent that you raise wages," declared the leaflet, "you raise purchasing power, put a brake on speedup, and slow down the depression and its effects. The fight for 30 hours a week and forty hours' pay is the best form of fight for higher wages. It will force the employer to hire more people, maintain your standard of living, and spread purchasing power to thousands now unemployed.

Eighty-Three Years Ago . . .

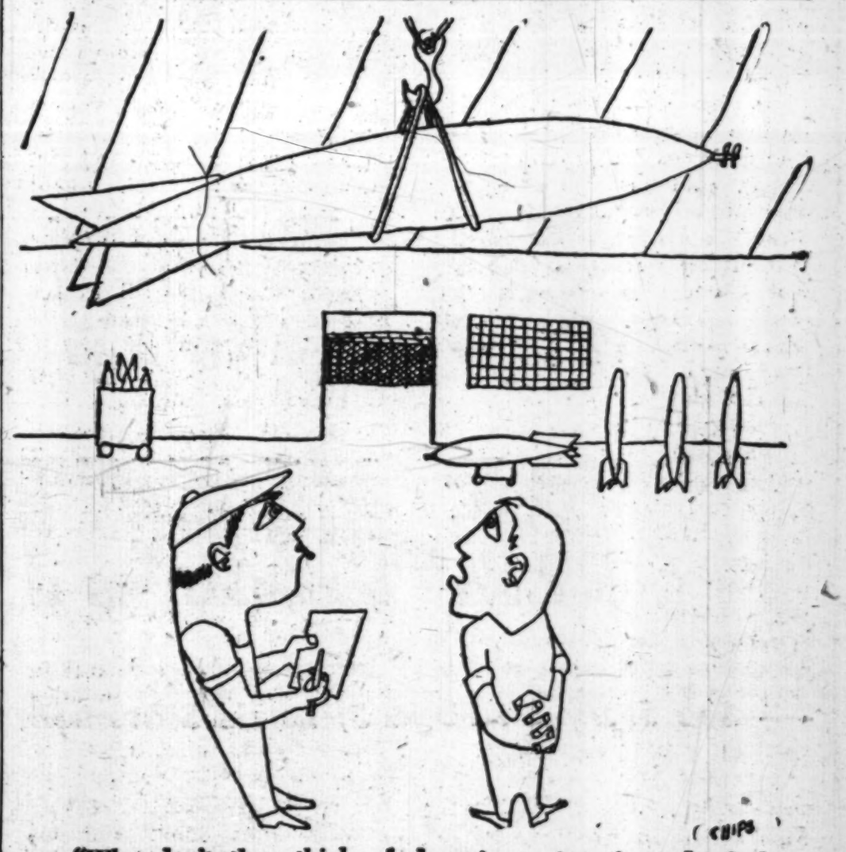
Eighty-three years ago, in 1886, the workers of Dunkirk, New York, passed a resolution demanding the eight-hour work day. This action was multiplied a thousand-fold by workers and their unions throughout the country.

In 1888, the American Federation of Labor designated May 1, 1890, as a day for national demonstration. Thus May Day was born . . . An American working class landmark.

Working people in other nations accepted that day as an international occasion to express their solidarity with the workers of America.

From then on, in this country and all over the world, May Day has been a day which working people have marked through parades and meetings to express their will to struggle for their rights, and for a better life for all the people.

Thus history records that a group of upstate workmen were among the first to pave the way for the eight-hour day struggle and lay the basis for the establishment of the glorious American and international "May Day" demonstrations.



"Why don't they think of dropping prices instead of these things?"



"Old Timer, we're laying you off next week . . . but don't worry, the boss is facing the future with assurance."

Textile Workers Hit Hard by Unemployment

By Mike Lynn

UTICA, N. Y.—This city's main industry, textile, is the major casualty of the oncoming depression. Mill after mill, from one end of the city to the other and out to the surrounding mill towns of New York Mills and Yorkville already resemble the depression 30's. Plants are closing, others are on a 2 or 3-day week.

Textile workers are organized into three different unions. The largest is CIO Textile Workers of America; next are the ILGWU and United Textile Workers, AFL. None of these organizations are providing the leadership to rally the workers for jobs, shorter hours, genuine pay increases and an end to speedup.

A typical example of this whole situation is the **Oneita Knitting Mills.** Employment at Christmas time last year was about 1,600 workers. In the following five months employment is down to less than a thousand workers. At Xmas time the mill's yarn department was on three shifts. Today the third shift no longer exists. The entire mill is now working a two to three-day week and only getting two or three hours work for each of these days!

The mill is organized by **Local 170, ILGWU.** Despite the workers' critical problems, the union has done nothing for them. More than that, the local's leadership is trying to have the membership approve a company-sponsored wage change which would affect some departments. Dangling before the workers what seems like a wage increase for these departments, the company and union are hiding the real truth that it is in effect a terrific speedup plan.

Despite any rank and file fight against this scheme, the workers, at the last membership meeting, refused to be rushed into an open-show-of-hands vote. They forced the union leadership to call a sealed ballot vote at a later date. What is needed is a sharp and clear fight against this company speedup plan and a program for a genuine wage increase, a 30-hour week, no speedup and jobs for the unemployed.

Carpet Workers Fear Union Will 'Go Easy'

YONKERS.—Emil Rieve, head of the Textile Workers Union may be adjudged a "responsible labor leader" by the Wall Street Journal, but he hasn't come across for the workers in the Alexander Smith & Sons Carpet Co. here.

Negotiations for a new contract are coming up in May, and carpet workers are afraid that Rieve's lieutenants will copy their leader's go-easy-with-the-bosses policy. "Contact," the shop paper put out by the Communist Party, is calling for a 25 percent hourly wage increase. Pointing to the Heller Committee's finding that $78.50 is the minimum weekly requirement for a family of four, "Contact" is fighting against a dip in the purchasing power of the workers.

Politicians Wink At Rent Gouging

By Walter Donaldson
Chairman, Communist Party of Rochester

Rochester.—Fifteen, twenty or more people living in a four room flat and paying nearly $200 a month for the privilege. That's the result of the politicians handling of the housing situation in Rochester. This situation is becoming more and more common in the 7th ward, Negro ghetto in this city. Housing is becoming tighter all over the city and its suburbs. The landlords having worked out a new racket are having a field day at the expense of the Negro people. It is worked like this. A landlord renting a 4-room flat for about $20 a month, goes to the rent control board and asks to have the place vacated for "renovations." Then with little or no attempt to do anything to the place, he rents it out by the room. He gets $10 a week per family. A four-room flat would then bring abou $180 a month. The only visible renovation being in the landlord's bank account.

The 7th Ward has been hardest hit by the growing shortage of living space. The Negro community is caught between a Republican-Democratic vise. On the one hand, the Republicans spew glowing praise for the "free enterprise" system and bid slum dwellers to trust in that to provide them with four decent walls. The Democrats, on the other hand, hope to cash in on the discontent which the selfish, do-nothing Republican policy is furthering.

Fed up with the run-around given them by both major parties, the people of the 7th Ward have organized to demand public housing for their community.

The Baden-Ormond Neighborhood Council has been formed and has received quick endorsement from the local American Labor Party, the AFL Central Trades president and other progressive organizations.

NEGRO WORKERS WIN BACK JOBS AT BOND PLANT

By Warren Thompson and Hank Lawrence

Five Negro workers, laid off out of seniority at the Bond plant of the American Radiator Co., won their jobs back last week as a result of the fight waged by Local 1199. The company had said that these men, with 2-3 years plant seniority, couldn't do the jobs of men in the reaming department with less seniority. The union demanded that the men laid off be given a trial on other jobs.

The first man, who had formerly been a lead man in the Plate Foundry and then bumped down to laborer, started in the reaming department at 9 o'clock and by noon had achieved the required minimum. A second worker, also made the requirement on the reaming machine. A third was transferred to a job on another shift, and the other two were to go back on other jobs. All will receive back pay for the time lost.

This victory in a local long noted for its militant leadership, is in striking contrast to the failure of the Murray machine to fight for Negro rights. This machine, represented in Buffalo by District Director Joseph J. Maloney, International Representatives Bruce, McCann, Snedden and Co. has made no effort to break down discrimination in any of the steel plants in the area.

The lily white departments in Bethlehem and Republic are still lily white. The passing over of Negroes for promotion, the downgrading and laying off out of seniority still goes on. The Murray leadership contents itself with attacks on the Communists and tries to head off any real struggle for Negro workers.

ALP Women's Division Formed at Albany Parley

A fighting program for peace, freedom and abundance was unanimously adopted by more than 400 delegates at a statewide conference called to establish the State Women's Division of the American Labor Party held Saturday, April 23, at the Ten Eyck Hotel in Albany.

The conference elected Mrs. Ada B. Jackson, Brooklyn housewife and community leader, as Women's Division Chairman and named an executive council representative of every area in the state.

After hearing the keynote speaker, Dr. Mary Van Kleeck, social scientist and Director of Industrial Studies at Russell Sage Foundation for 30 years, give a solemn warning against the growing fascization of American life, and a plea for progressive political action by all women to combat it, the delegates met in two main panels for discussion of the crisis in industry and its effect on women and the crisis in health, welfare and education.

Reconvening, the delegates unanimously resolved that "only through organized political action in the ALP can we fight successfully for our homes and children's future," and declaring that "under fascism none of us is safe," they agreed to organize women's councils of the ALP in every community and shop to carry out the following program:

1. As part of the fight for peace, defeat of the war-breeding North Atlantic Pact through a Peace Pilgrimage to Washington and local Mother's Day demonstrations.



MRS. BEVERLY ANDREWS
Syracuse ALP Candidate

2. A 12-point "Bill of Economic Rights" for working women which includes such needs as repeal of Taft-Hartley Act, enactment of FEPC, maternity leave with pay, federal health insurance, equal pay for equal work, increased jobless benefits, child care centers and immediate passage of anti-polltax and anti-lynch bills.

3. Endorsed the candidacies of Dr. Annette Rubinstein, ALP congressional candidate in Manhattan, and Mr. Beverly Andrews, ALP candidate for 15th Ward Supervisor in Syracuse.

4. Condemned the fascist-like terror against the Negro people and other encroachments on civil liberties such as the heresy trial of the Communist leaders.

5. Called for federal and state aid to education and rejected the Feinberg witch-hunt bill.

In a message of greetings to the delegates, Congressman Vito Marcantonio, ALP state chairman, stressed the great contribution that women can make in the fight for peace and social progress.

Rail Workers 'Link' Opens Upstate Office

Railroad workers in New York's capital district will be up on the news in their industry. This was assured when the Communist Party of Albany announced it has opened a branch office of **Railroad Workers Link,** at Room 201, 516 Broadway, Albany.

The Communist Party announcement noted that the monthly publication is widely known among the New York Central and Delaware & Hudson workers who have learned that **Link** pulls no punches in reporting the struggles in the railroad industry.

The 40-hour week for non-operating workers, recently won, was for years a central campaign of **Link** which pounded the shorter week campaign and did not hesitate to expose the lack of fight among the national leaders of the railroad unions involved.

The April issue of **Link** in a special four-page supplement, has reprinted the full text of the 16 non-ops agreement signed March 19. This special reprint, **Link's** Albany office announced is carried so rank and file railroad men will have a chance to read the word for word provisions of the agreement, on which their local contracts will be based.

The Albany office of **Link** has made copies to the national agreement supplement available to all upstate New York railmen, free of charge. They can be secured at the 516 Broadway office. The office will be open all day and evenings and railroad workers in Albany and Renselaer and other nearby counties are invited to come by and get their copy or write for them.

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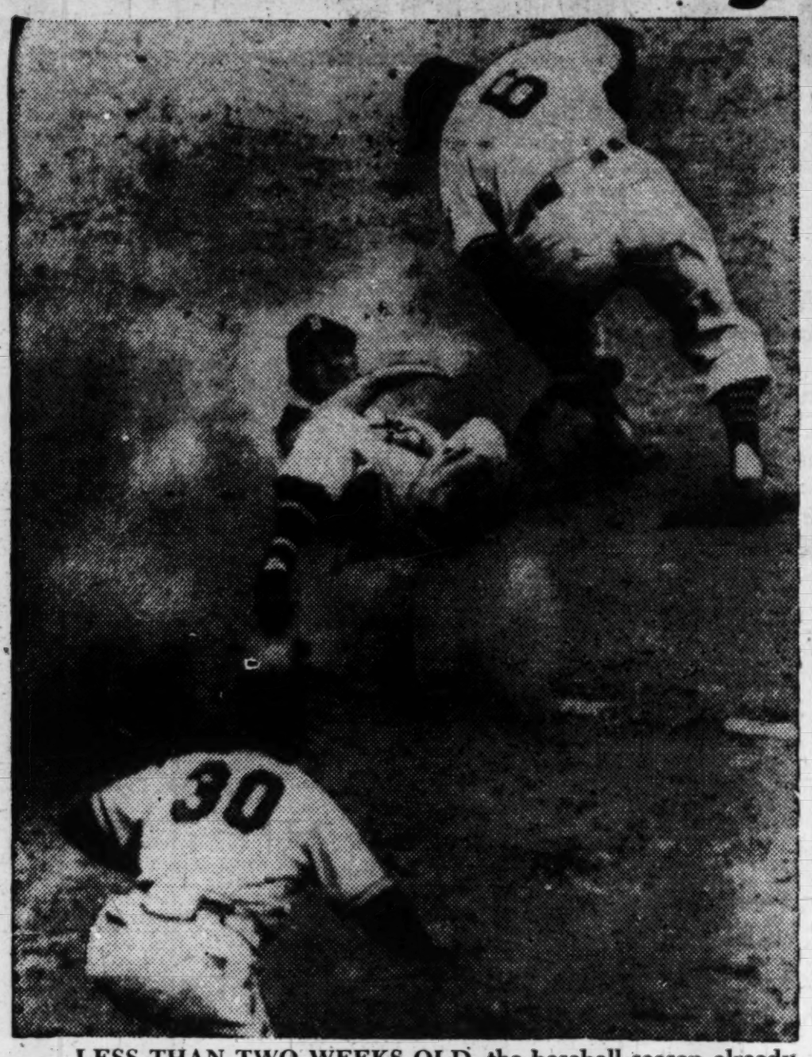
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More $$ for Korea

WASHINGTON.—Congress will be asked to appropriate $200,000,000 for economic support of America's imperialist aims in South Korea in 1950, Secretary of State Acheson revealed this year's appropriation for economic "aid" to Korea was $150,000,000.

At the same time, Acheson stated that when American troops are withdrawn from Korea, the U.S. will equip the Korean army with free arms.

Off and Running!



LESS THAN TWO WEEKS OLD, the baseball season already has the fans buzzing with surprising showings all up and down the leagues. A new crop of postwar youngsters are breaking into the lineups and speeding up the baserunning — Coleman, Yanks; Merriman, Reds; Abrams, Dodgers; Groth, Tigers; Jones, Phils; Glaviano, Cards, and others.



WORKER Sports

Stan the Man Was Steelworker

Stan Musial, now generally considered baseball's greatest all-round star, is well remembered as a steel worker in his home town of Donora, Pa. Early in his professional career, Stan would play ball during the summer and work at the American Steel and Wire Company's Zinc Works during the off season. (This outfit was temporarily shut down after the smog descended on Donora last winter.)

Musial was selected as rookie of the year just six years ago. He'll be 29 next November. The left-handed hitting and throwing Stan had an early ambition to be a pitcher, but a shoulder injury forced him to give it up and take up outfielding, and hitting! His .376 last season was typical.

This is the opposite of the career of Red Ruffing, ex-Yankee great. Red started out as a slugging young outfielder, but when his big toe was crushed, limiting his running ability, he took to the mound.

On the Score Board



By Lester Rodney

Hanging Out the Weekend Wash

IT'S REALLY TOO early in the season to do any generalizing, and I haven't seen a single Western club yet, but sports writers rush in where Joe Starobin and George Morris fear to tread, so. . . .

Anyone who says **"The Giants can't go anywhere because they've got the same team as last year"** isn't talking sense. They have the same NAMES, but not the same players.

Bob Thompson has relaxed his too rigid attempt to copy DiMaggio's batting stance and is a tremendously improved batsman, making Leo Durocher look good for putting him first and foremost on the "untouchable" list when trade talk was going around.

Clint Hartung is one year advanced along that painful path by which a talented athlete who can throw the ball a mile a minute becomes a pitcher instead of a thrower.

Sid Gordon just became a regular well after the 1948 season started. Though he is already 30, he is for the first time a solidly set ballplayer.

Finally the team is smarter with Durocher, Frisch and Fitzsimmons working steadily on inside baseball and helping especially such things as pitching, baserunning, defensive cut-offs, hit and runs, et al. I'm not at all unhappy about my second place prediction for this ballclub. Brother Mize starts loosening up in earnest along about July. In fact, if pitchers Jones and Kennedy swing into line I may start worrying about having put this explosive club one peg too low!

BY THE WAY, in case you haven't noticed the International League boxscores, the Negro players signed by the Giants are playing regularly with Jersey City. Hank Thompson, the talented young second baseman-outfielder, has been shifted to shortstop, an interesting move. Outfielder Monte Irvin is banging the ball as expected. Over at Newark, the Yankees are keeping an eye on young Frank Austin, rangy, hard-hitting young shortstop who has more big league possibilities than Art, Wilson, the man Veeck snatched out of their mitts.

FAIL TO FALL in with all the furore about the Phils. Much improved as they are, and with clear signs of further improvement to come, they simply do not have a first division pitching staff as yet. The young bonus phenoms like Roberts, Simmons and Bicknell are all uneven, the unfortunate result of the ruling that forbids them needed minor league experience. Name one Philly pitcher who will win 15 games.

EARLY PREDICTIONS AND COMMENTS: Jack Banta of Brooklyn will wind up the pitching rookie of the year. . . . Alvin Dark of Boston will hit .330 again or better. . . . The A's will be leading the league in July on the strength of superb pitching and defense and just enough hitting. Then the greater strength of the Indians, Bosox and Yanks will begin to tell. . . . **Elmer Valo of the A's is my idea of an unsung star. The Palmerton, Pa. lad (who was born in Czechoslovakia) is the finest defensive rightfielder in the league, with a flaming spirit, speed and good arm, and hits a productive .300 or better every year.** . . . Bosox still haven't got the pitching. . . . All the early talk of the total Yankee collapse, badly exaggerated with the kernal of good players still on the club and the league's second best pitching staff, actually was a favor to Casey Stengal because he'll look good now when the team finishes a strong third (or better).

IF THE WORLD SERIES is to be between the two teams with the top defensive infields, it's Cleveland and Brooklyn and no mistakes. With the emergence of Billy Cox as a superlative third sacker, the Dodger quartet of Hodges, Robinson, Reese and Cox may even rate an edge over the classy, but subtly slowing Vernon, Gordon, Boudreau, Keltner. Don't quote me in Cleveland on this.

JOE LOUIS and Henry Armstrong think the new fight movies like "Setup" and "Champion" give a distorted view of the prize ring, leaving by omission a picture of ONLY corruption and dishonesty and completely negating the battering of jimcrow which has been one of the meaningful aspects of a rough and tough sport which certainly, as these movies do show, is no lily.

THE GREAT Stan Musial is, of course, the top athletic product of Donora, Pa., pop. 13,000. But this little industrial town on the Monongahela has turned out many more top notch athletes, and don't try to speak against unions to any of them! Forward-passer Arnold Galiffa, middleweight contender Lee Sala, and a raft of top notch college football players. Besides Galiffa there are no less than 16 Donora lads playing on topline college teams, including three at Pitt. You must add this special region to the others famous for turning out good gridders, like the Chicago and Gary Calumet area, Michigan's Sawinaw Valley, the Canton-Massilon-Arkon-Cleveland territory in Ohio.

A New York sports writer was chatting with some of the Cards from down South this spring when the Gardella case was in the headlines. Someone mentioned the fact that things are a little better for big leaguers with a five thousand minimum and a ruling forbidding a pay cut of more than 25 percent any single year. Said Mr. Musial of Donora:

"Yeah, you know when they made those concessions, don't you? Only when some of the boys started to talk union!"

THERE ARE 61 leagues and 463 clubs in organized baseball. The two states in the union unrepresented are Vermont and Wyoming. Maine just gets in with the Portland club. North Carolina and Texas lead with 42 and 41 respectively. It's that weather.

Occupational Hazards!

Baseball Has 'Em Brother—If You Don't Think, Read This

Injuries — sore arms — spike wounds — pulled muscles — beaning by a pitched ball. These are some of the occupational hazards of our national pastime, and don't forget to average them into the total picture when you think about baseball salaries and the life expectancy of the average ballplayer in his highly skilled trade!

Here are some of the mishaps of this young season:

Joe DiMaggio, brought down by his non-healing heel, was the first and most important casualty of the spring. Bob Feller, Cleveland's pitching ace, was retired after three innings of the opener against the St. Louis Browns with a shoulder disorder that puts his fireballing career in jeopardy at the age of 31.

Ray Sanders, Boston Braves first baseman, who cracked a wrist executing a tag and will be out until June—at least. George (Whitey) Kurowski of the St. Louis Cardinals, who already were shy on manpower. The veteran third baseman threw his arm out.

Leroy (Satchel) Paige, the 40-odd year old Cleveland pitcher who strained his side shagging fly balls and is out indefinitely.

Charley Keller of the Yankees, who pulled a muscle in his side at a time when DiMag was on the shelf along with Johnny Lindell, pitcher Bob Porterfield, George Stirnweiss, Charley Silvera and Clarence Marshall. All had baseball-incurred injuries.

Then there are the Washington pitching patients—Ed Klieman, and Joe Haynes. Klieman has an injured index finger on his pitching hand, Haynes has a shoulder strain.

And outfielder Hank Edwards of Cleveland who received a shoulder separation swinging at a pitch.

Some of the other boys had close calls. Big Ralph Kiner of the Pittsburgh Pirates was hit in the head by a batted ball on the West Coast and was out for a couple of days while everyone kept their fin-

Richie Ashburn of the Phillies, gers crossed.

one of the top rookies in '48, was hit in the eye by a thrown ball while rounding third base trying to score. He came out of it okay.

Dick Kokos and Paul Lehner, St. Louis Brownie outfielders, crashed under a fly ball and were lugged off the field.

Outfielder Clint Conatser of the Braves was beaned by rookie pitcher Frank Fanovich of Cincinnati and carried out on a stretcher. He started to wear a headgear—when the regular season opened.

Catcher Del Rice of the Cardinals and Sal Yvars of the Giants fractured fingers on their catching hands.

So it goes!



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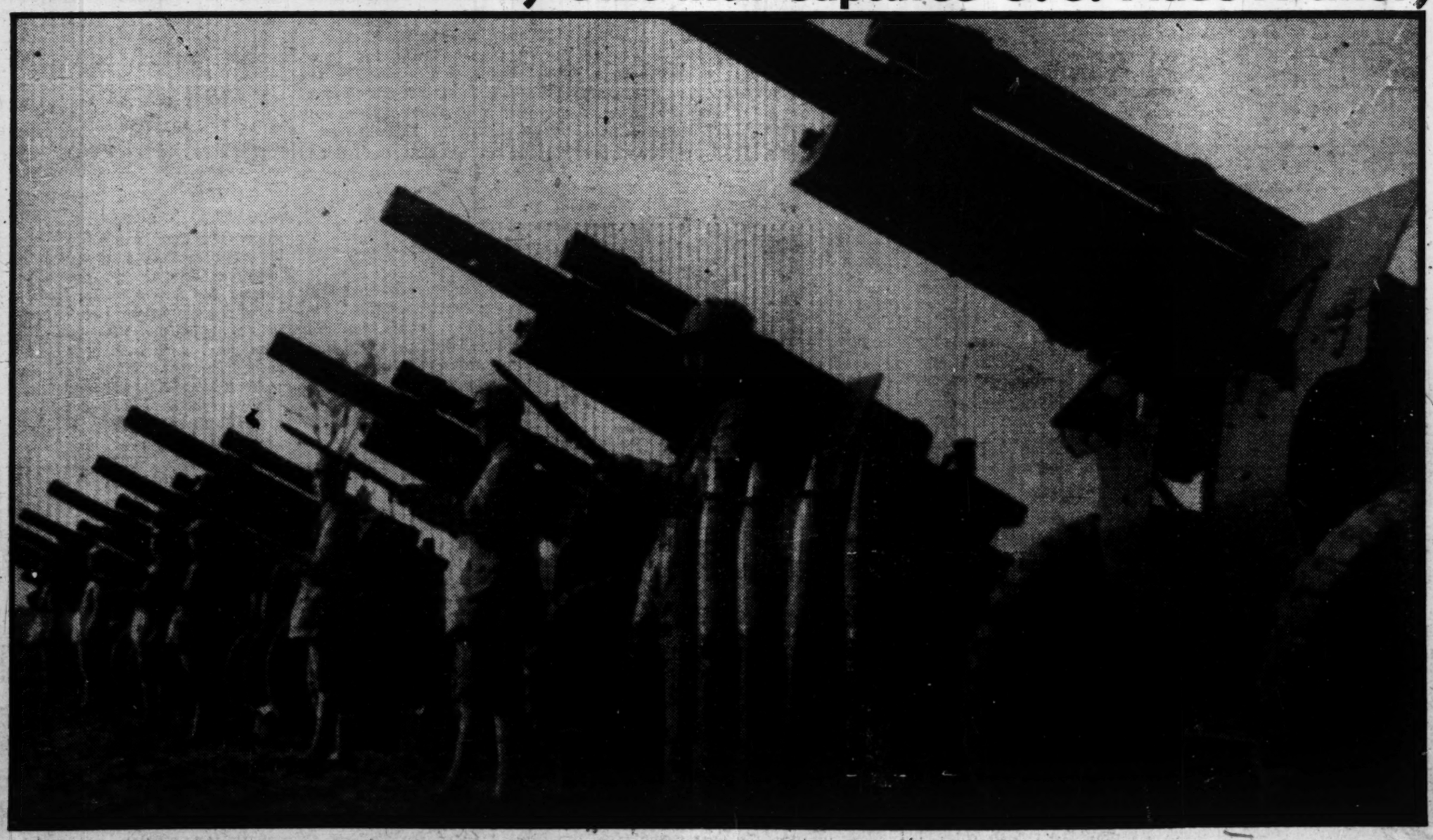
End the Cold War

Repeal Taft-Hartley

For Negro Rights

Stop the Witchhunts

Chinese Liberation Army Unit with Captured U. S. Made Artillery



A mechanized unit of the Eastern China People's Liberation Army with U. S.-made heavy artillery captured from Kuomintang troops.

Negro Bystander Brutally Beaten By Louisiana Cops

NEW ORLEANS, La.—On Sunday, April 10, the Young Progressives conducted an outdoor registration school at the corner of Melpomene and Freret. At a table on the sidewalk they had literature and posters. Three or four attendants explained to inquirers what they had to do in order to register and vote.

A squad car pulled up, and the two policemen in it growled: "What you tryin' to do, teach these people rights?" (One policeman's badge was No. 665.) When they asked Frank Ervin, white student at the table, if he were there alone, he said "Yes" to protect his three Negro co-workers.

Samuel Spears, 40, a Negro resident of the neighborhood, living at 3831 Duplessis St., stopped at the table to look at the display. Spears is not a member of the Progressive Party, and was a complete stranger to the Young Progressives at the outdoor booth.

One of the cops gruffly told Spears to "move on," then the other cop said, "Kick that n----r!" Spears, about to move on, looked around. The first cop grabbed him by the collar, and Spears put up his hand to protect his sunglasses, expecting a blow.

"Oh, so you're resistin' arrest, hey?" the cop said.

"I ain't resistin' arrest, officer," Spears said.

The Young Progressives present testify that Spears did not resist or fight back. He is a small man, about 5 ft. 6 in. in height and weighing about 142 pounds.

Miss Judy Smith, one of the people in charge, phoned the executive secretary of the C. R. C. He at once tried every method to save the man from the beating that we have come to expect whenever the police arrest a Negro, whatever the cause. The desk sergeant at Precinct 2 said Spears had not yet been booked.

Meanwhile Mrs. Samuel Spears tried to get help from Henry Hennessey, proprietor of the Hennessey Optical Goods concern, 427 Penn St., where her husband had been employed as a porter for more than two years. Finally, Mr. Hennessey went down to the Second Precinct and heard the police side of the case. His action was to fire Spears forthwith.

As Spears tells the story, the two arresting officers started to beat him as soon as they got him in the precinct. The desk sergeant interupted the beating long enough to take Spears' name and address, and other routine questions. Then the beating was resumed. Five policemen took part. "A policeman hit me with a billy, and then another policeman hit me. They hit me from behind, from the side, from everywhere. They knocked me down and kicked me. The desk sergeant kicked me in the chin. Then they stomped on me."

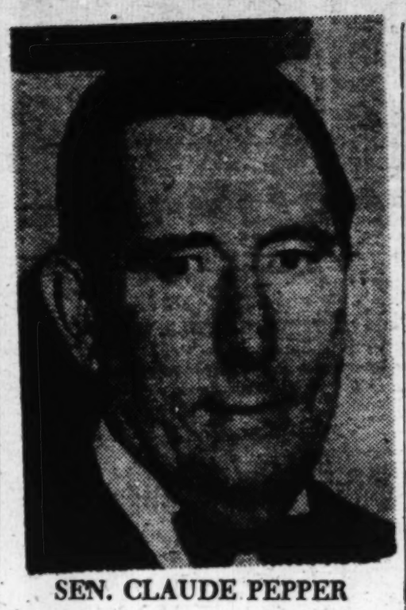
Then the guardians of the law, Spears says, took him up to a cell and left him there, raw and bleeding, without treatment, till the next day. At 11:15 a.m. Tureaud, a lawyer, got him paroled. At once Spears was taken to Charity Hospital, examined and X-rayed, and it was found that in addition to bruises and contusions and a cut chin, he had a burst ear drum.

Pepper Backs War Pact, Floridians Denounce Him

TAMPA, Fla.—In a strongly-worded statement to Sen. Claude Pepper of Florida a number of prominent civic leaders urged the Senator to act and speak out against the North Atlantic Military Alliance. They declared that the NAMA "is subjecting the nation to the continually increasing danger of disastrous and wholly unnecessary war."

Sen. Pepper has already publicly declared that he favors the alliance. He even went further and stated that, following the ratification of the alliance by the Senate, military aid must be given to those countries that signed the Alliance.

This saber-rattling and warmongering by Sen. Pepper is finding widespread opposition in liberal and progressive circles in Florida. Many former Pepper supporters have learned that Pepper left the progressive camp and has become a front-man for the Truman administration



SEN. CLAUDE PEPPER

The movement against Pepper and the NAMA is growing in Florida. Among the signers of the statement to Pepper are: Col. Raymond Robins, Brooksville; Jack Kofoed, columnist, Miami Herald; John H. Reynolds, Assistant Professor of Social Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville; Prof. Guy G. Becknell, University of Tampa; M. A. Soper, Pastor (Methodist); John M. Coe, State Chairman, Progressive Party; William R. Stevenson, Minister Union Congregational Church, Jacksonville; Edward G. Maxted, Episcopal Minister, Retired, Warrington; Max Selig, Teacher, Winter Park; John R. Reed, secretary RSCE, Apopka; Gerald Gilbert Gavorchin, Assistant Professor of History, University of Miami; W. M. Mullen, Sebring; Elbert Russell, St. Petersburg.

Murray's Anti-Negro Aides Try to Destroy Mine Union

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union (CIO) has demanded that Philip Murray immediately convene a special meeting of the CIO Executive Board to hear charges against Murray's United Steel Workers for terroristic, anti-Negro raiding in this area. The raiding occurred in a consent election of Tennessee Coal and Iron Company ore miners in this area April 21.

The steel union's campaign, handled by Murray's personal representative, Nick A. Zonarich, included open conspiracy with the company, a United States Steel Company subsidiary, and a fascist-like reign of terror that resulted in putting Maurice Travis, secretary-treasurer of the International Mine, Mill Union, into the hospital badly injured and facing the probability that he will be permanently blinded.

Company union elements, including many who did not deny charges that they were active Ku Klux Klansmen, were used by paid staffmen of the United Steel Workers of America to start a lily-white secession movement in five TCI locals of the Mine, Mill Union three months ago. Murray issued the secessionists charters as CIO Industrial locals. The movement finally resulted in a consent election on April 21.

Murray sent Zonarich here to take charge and as the result of a reign of terror by gangs of hoodlums, led by Zonarich, the vote went against Mine, Mill, 2,696 to 2,233. The Negro workers, in the face of a red-baiting and Negro-baiting campaign by the raiders, voted solidly for Mine, Mill. Gangs of hoodlums, led by Zonarich and Bob Christopherson, a CIO Southern Drive employee, terrorized workers.

The telegram sent to Murray, signed by International MM&SW president John Clark and International vice presidents Reid Robinson and Orville Larson, declared:

"We are confident that the members of the United Steel Workers of America and all other members of CIO do not wish to see their per capita spent on gangster union busting. This attack on our union in the South is especially despicable since your representatives have been using the race issue to divide the iron ore miners in the face of an outstanding fight against racial discrimination by our union. Also participating in the attack were the leaders of the company unions outlawed by the Wagner Act, who are now members of the United Steel Workers of America."

Terror marked the entire campaign. One Mine, Mill staff member was kidnapped and held for several hours and the union office was entered and ransacked. One white ore miner who was an election observer declared that threats were made to workers even at the voting booths. "It was the most unfair thing I have ever seen," he said. "It was un-American."

This Steel Worker Union campaign to split white workers away from Mine, Mill by terror and Negro-baiting is clearly a part of the long term strategy of the TCI company. For several years the company has been hiring mostly white workers to shift the percentage of Negro - white composition.

Kentucky Students Vote on Segregation

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Three proposals for ending racial and religious discrimination on the campus of the University of Louisville have been voted down by the student body.

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OF THE 5,000 members of the student body, 2,136 voted, which is a record for the University of Louisville. Also unprecedented was the fact that a Negro student of Louisville Municipal College (the jimcrow college of the University of Louisville) was a member of the committee of three who counted the ballots. By this act, though by the back door, Negroes were admitted to the student management of the joint affairs of the colleges which make up the University of Louisville.

Spokesmen for the progressives said that the fight has only begun and this election represents the first gun in an active campaign to abolish discrimination from the campus, to end the present jimcrow situation where Negro students are segregated into the Municipal College and denied the facilities and barred from the social life of the university as a whole. Louisville progressive students intend to interest students in other Kentucky universities and colleges in the fight against discrimination and chauvinism.

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THE FIGHT began when Lyman Johnson, a teacher in a Louisville high school, brought suit in federal court to gain admittance to the University of Kentucky Graduate School at Lexington, Ky. Federal Judge Church Ford ruled that the University of Kentucky would have to admit Johnson as a student and accord him the privileges accorded other students.

Besides Judge Ford's ruling, two other factors favor the possibility that Kentucky's infamous Day Law (the law which bars whites and Negroes meeting together in school and elsewhere) may become a dead letter. They are: People of Negro ancestry have already matriculated at the University of Kentucky as exchange students from foreign countries. And scouts for the "Wildcats" basketball team have their eyes on a couple of star Negro netmen.

CIO Would Expel Pleader for Peace

HOUSTON, Tex.—Instead of eliminating jimcrow practices at its meetings and fighting for "pork-chop" issues of the workers, the CIO council here is trying to expel a member who signed a letter calling for an end to the cold war.

At its last meeting, the Council drew up charges against Jacqueline Nelson, Business Agent of Local 75, Food, Tobacco, and Agricultural Workers Union (FTA), and appointed a special trial committee.

Miss Nelson was charged with violating the section of the Council Constitution which prohibits membership in the Council to "persons who subscribe to Nazi, Fascist, or Communist principles, or participate in activities supporting these principles," and with "bringing the CIO Council into ill repute through various communicative letters."

The letter referred to was an open letter to President Truman, Secretary of State Dean Acheson, and Senator Tom Connally, calling for a change in our foreign policy from one of "cold war" to one of peace. The open letter denounced the Atlantic Pact and called on President Truman to accept the offer of the Soviet Union to hold peaceful negotiations between the two countries to settle outstanding differences. This letter was signed by church, civic, labor, and professional leaders throughout Texas.

In a public statement distributed to thousands of workers throughout the Houston area, the Executive Board of Local 75, FTA, demanded that the charges against Miss Nelson be dropped. "Is red-baiting the way members of the Houston Area CIO Council cover up their failure to fight on pork chop issues"? the union statement asked. The FTA statement demanded to know why the CIO Council had not offered strike aid to the 600 FTA compress workers recently on strike; and why the Council has not drawn up a program for the fight against layoffs, speed-up, and for the 100 percent repeal of the Taft-Hartley law. The FTA statement criticized jimcrow at CIO Council meetings, and called on the Council "to spend its time on a constructive program for peace and preparation against the looming depression."

Wilkerson Tops May Day Program

RICHMOND, Va.—Dr. Doxey Wilkerson, noted educator, author and recent star witness in exposing the jimcrow, richman's Grand Jury system, will be the chief speaker at a May Day celebration here Sunday, May 1.



The celebration will take place at 3:30 p.m. at Price's Hall, 212 East Leigh Street.

Richmonders have been urged to come to the celebration to protest the recent brual killing of a Negro farmer in Charles City County, only 20 miles from Richmond, by an ABC Board Inspector. They have been invited to participate in the meeting to help win peace, jobs, security and to end segregation.

Also a special feature of the May Day celebration will be the showing of "Native Land," a special full-length feature film, in which Paul Robeson sings and narrates.

BIGOTS FORCE OUT COLLEGE PRESIDENT

RICHMOND, Va.—Dr. Riley B. Montgomery, President of the Lynchburg College resigned following criticisms by bigoted "white supremacists" because he permitted Negro students from the Virginia State College to have social contact with the white students at a weekend conference and social gathering last year.

The Negro students attended an inter-racial meeting on the Lynchburg College campus. After the meeting they were invited to join a dance sponsored by white students.

Since that time, Dr. Montgomery, who upheld the right of the races to get together, has been under fire by the local race haters.

Dr. Montgomery is to assume the presidency of the College of the Bible at Lexington, Ky.

Leather Workers Set for Strike

PEABODY, Mass. — Seven thousand Massachusetts leather workers gave the tannery bosses a roaring demonstration of unity last week. A series of mass meetings backed up workers' demands for wage increases and bigger social benefits by authorizing the Strike Committee to call an immediate strike if bosses fail to cough up in negotiations.

The workers are represented by the militant Fur and Leather Workers Union, CIO. Four thousand union members unable to fit in any local hall roared unanimous authorization for the strike at an outdoor meeting. Mass meetings in Lynn and Norwood also voted unanimously in favor. Only split in the workers' ranks developed in the Woburn local. It wasn't serious; the meeting voted 400 to one in favor.

Workers rejected a weasling company offer of extending Blue Cross to families of one more paid holiday. They stuck by the wage demand.

The tremendous unity and fighting spirit of the workers has thrown a real scare into the Leather Manufacturers Association. Late rumors indicate the bosses have already increased their offer. The union is insisting on its original demands.

Peabody workers pulled a one-day stoppage to convince employers they were serious. The stoppage followed 25 hours of fruitless negotiating. Workers are ready to hit the bricks in earnest if necessary. Meanwhile negotiations were resumed under the Federal Mediation Service.

The agreement signed here will effect 115 Mass. tanneries. These tanneries made enormous profits during the war and sleaned up even more after OPA was knifed. The bosses are still making a handsome profit. In 1948 declared dividends on leather stocks were 10 percent higher than in 1947. Leather profits are above the average for American industry.

MAY DAY MEETINGS SET FOR 4 CITIES

Today's May Day, the workers' holiday. To mark it, May Day meetings have been scheduled across Massachusetts. American workers have a lot of problems to act on this year, and these meetings will take them up.

WORCESTER'S meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, at 2:30 p.m. Otis Hood, New England Chairman of the Communist Party, will speak on the Common. All other meetings take place May 1.

In BOSTON, the United May Day Committee has scheduled an open-air rally in Dorchester's Franklin Park at 2:30 p.m.

In SPRINGFIELD, Worker Foreign Editor Joseph Starobin will speak at a CP meeting in the Highland Hotel at 8 p.m.

In NEW BEDFORD, Anne Burlak, leader of many textile struggles, and Joe Figueirido, co-author of the CP textile pamphlet, will speak at the IOOF Hall, Kempton and Foster Sts., at 7:30 p.m.

Susan, 4 Years, Knows a Lot...

By Leo Soft

BROCKTON.—You get used to seeing the figures on unemployment go up week after week. But once in a while you see something in flesh and blood that reminds you what the figures really mean.

Her name was Susan Casper and she was four years old. She was standing in front of a local shoe factory where Communists were distributing Daily Workers. The paper that day had a story on the shoe union election.

Susan had a new-looking pair of roller skates on. She had fallen with them and her dress was ditry. Finally she asked us what we were doing. We told her we were telling the story of the union election. **Susan said she knew about** the union; her father and mother both worked inside the plant.

Then she asked us: **"Can the union stop people from losing their jobs?"**

She said she was worried that her father and mother might lose their jobs. She knew they didn't make much money now; it had been hard for them to buy her skates for Christmas.

Susan knew a lot for a four-year-old. But looking at the unemployment figures you can guess that a lot of other Brockton children knew the same sad facts. Layoffs have thrown thousands out of the shoe plants here. Thousands more work half-weeks or less. Old-timers with 30 years at the same plant have been booted into the street. The children know all this.

Capitalism is teaching Brockton's kids and their working parents a lot about itself.

NEW BEDFORD MILLS CRACK DOWN MORE

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — Tough conditions in this city's mills and shops aren't getting any better. **More than 60 workers at** the Morse Twist Drill Co., were laid off last week, with workers reporting that the company is ignoring seniority in the layoffs. Morse workers are wondering if the plant may be scheduled to close down completely.

At Wamsutta "College," five workers in Weave Room No. 6 were jolted when they got unexpected pink slips. The Local's business agent had told No. 6 workers last month that there was enough orders for chambray on hand to keep up production for 11 months. Bosses—professors, that is—kicked their students out of school just the same. They told No. 6 workers that there were no more orders for the chambray they turn out.

Workers here have learned that Rhode Island's Crown "College," under the same management and doing the same work as Wamsutta, has had major layoffs this month. This would indicate that Wamsutta is more speeded-up, and more profitable, than the notorious Crown mill.

East Rochester dropped 300 workers last month.

Several departments of the International Shoe Company have closed down at Manchester "indefinitely."

N. H. Textile Mills Lay Off 500 Workers

ROCHESTER, N. H. — Unemployment in New Hampshire just keeps on climbing. The Gonic Textile mill here has added 500 more workers to the jobless rolls by closing down. The Chocheco Mill in

WALLACE, COT, GIUA SPEAK FOR BOSTON PEACE RALLY

BOSTON.—Five thousand New Englanders will pack this city's Mechanics Hall Monday night to hear Progressive Party leader Henry Wallace and distinguished people's leaders in a fighting demand for world peace. The PP peace meeting will be Boston's answer to Winston Churchill's recent war appeal here.



HENRY WALLACE

Speaking with Wallace will be Pierre Cot, prominent French deputy, Michele Giua, Left-Socialist Italian deputy, and Lester Hutchinson, British Laborite member of parliament. All three foreign speakers have led their countries' struggles for peace against the North Atlantic Pact.

Progressives emphasize that the May 2 meeting can begin a powerful local peace movement. Popular opposition against the war pact and the arming of western Europe is only beginning to be organized. Resistance to the Churchill meeting gave a small hint of the peace forces' potential strength.

Tickets for the Wallace meeting are priced from 60 cents to $3.60. Mechanics subway station is located directly at the hall.

LAWRENCE AGAIN!

LAWRENCE, Mass.—The Lawrence Print Works will close by June 30. The closing will add 500 more textile workers to Lawrence's unemployed total. More than 22,000 out of 35,000 workers are already jobless here.

PHILBRICK TELLS MORE ON RETURN

BOSTON. — FBI stoolpigeon Herbert Philbrick spills a lot of beans every time he opens his mouth. But the dirt the self-confessed labor spy spills is all on himself, and none of it on the Communist Party.

The informer had his golden words—they're worth gold to the FBI—spread all over the Boston press when he came home last week from a "vacation" following his testimony at the New York trial of twelve Communist leaders. His boss, whose movie chain was just broken up by threat of an anti-monopoly suit, gave him a "soldier's welcome home"—photographers and all. Philbrick has testified that he got his job "at about the same time" he joined the Young Communist League for the FBI.

Anyway, Philbrick is quoted in the Boston Post as "hopeful he will . . . start climbing in his chosen profession." Nobody doubts that he will. During nine years of volunteer labor spying he climbed into a new home, a new Kaiser sedan, a motion picture camera and projector, a new garage, new kitchen equipment, etc.

Philbrick told the press the secret secret of his success. It was, said the stoolpigeon who betrayed the people he called "comrade,"—loyalty. He gave a list of five things to be loyal to. Right there was—"loyalty to the company for which one works."

Unemployment And Speedup Hit Worcester

WORCESTER, Mass. — Unemployment here has already shot up to 12,000, and increased speedup is throwing more workers out every day. Latest dope on the local situation has just appeared in the first issue of The Steelworker, publication of the Worcester Communist Party.

For example, at the Worcester Wire Co. wire drawers used to service nine blocks; now they're stuck with 18. Workload for men on fine wire has jumped from 12 to 17 frames.

When workers protest the company asks a "trial period." Workers sweat like mad waiting for negotiations on the speedup. Then the boss says, "Sure they can do, they're doing it right now!"

At Compton and Knowles, Dept. 200 workers have signed a petiition asking the union to fight company rate-cutting. Within Macshine helped things by installing a $1,000,000 overhead sand belt. That will cost the jobs of most of the men in the sand gang.

PP Pickets Say: 'No Rent Increase!'

BOSTON. — Labor pressure on members of the Eastern Massachusetts Rent Advisory Board saved thousands of apartment house dwellers in Suffolk, Middlesex, and Norfolk counties from increased rent gouges last week. The board voted (9 to 0) to postpone indefinitely scheduled rent increases of two to 17 percent for buildings with five or more apartments.

Under the Truman-Dever "Fair Deal" rent law, increases for smaller buildings have already been passed. Boosts for larger dwellings haven't been cancelled; they've been "postponed." Big landlords are waiting for the chance to shove them down tenants' threats.

John Q. Tenant was represented by some 40 Progressive Party pickets parading before the building where the Advisory Board met. Picket signs read "We protest rent increases" and "Truman and Dever, What About Your Rent Control Promises?" Board members walked through the line, read the signs, and voted unanimously to postpone action.

The pickets were led by Progressive Party executive director Walter O'Brien. Pictures of the line appeared in the commercial press. Housewives and workers marched side by side in protest against the Fair Deal rent sellout.

More pressure was being applied by the United Labor Committee, with official AFL and CIO representation. The Committee is the same organization which led the successful fight against anti-labor laws on the state ballot last year.

May Day Greetings to The New England Worker from

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Metal Workers of Lynn
Brockton Shoe Workers
New Hampshire Section, CP
Boston Metal Workers
and
A Group of Unemployed Textile Workers in Lawrence

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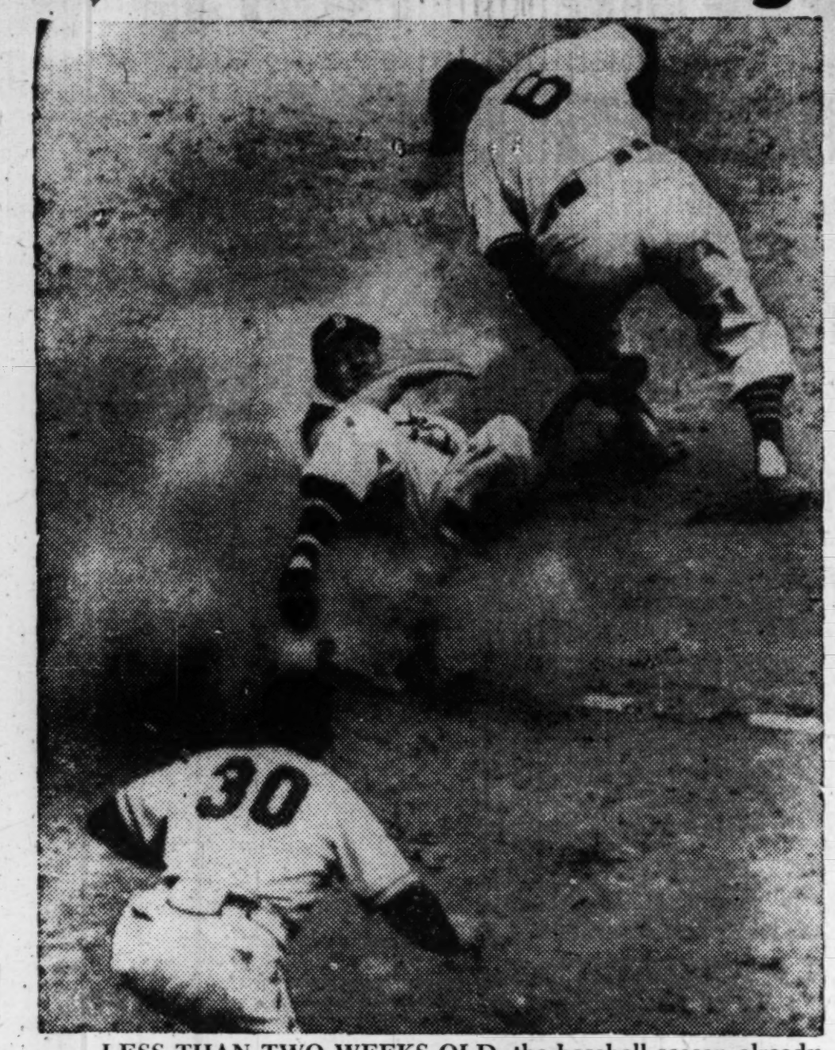
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The Rhode Island Reds
Communist Party of R. I.
P.O. Box 225, Providence

MAY DAY, 1949

"Our feet march on, our hands are pledged,
Your great goal shall be won.
All me shall stand erect and laugh
Together in the sun."
—MIKE QUIN.

ROXBURY-DORCHESTER SECTION, COMMUNIST PARTY
EDDIE GARFIELD, *Organizer*
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Off and Running!



LESS THAN TWO WEEKS OLD, the baseball season already has the fans buzzing with surprising showings all up and down the leagues. A new crop of postwar youngsters are breaking into the lineups and speeding up the baserunning — Coleman, Yanks; Merriman, Reds; Abrams, Dodgers; Groth, Tigers; Jones, Phils; Glaviano, Cards, and others.



WORKER Sports

Stan the Man Was Steelworker

Stan Musial, now generally considered baseball's greatest all-round star, is well remembered as a steel worker in his home town of Donora, Pa. Early in his professional career, Stan would play ball during the summer and work at the American Steel and Wire Company's Zinc Works during the off season. (This outfit was temporarily shut down after the smog descended on Donora last winter.)

Musial was selected as rookie of the year just six years ago. He'll be 29 next November. The left-handed hitting and throwing Stan had an early ambition to be a pitcher, but a shoulder injury forced him to give it up and take up outfielding, and hitting! His .376 last season was typical.

This is the opposite of the career of Red Ruffing, ex-Yankee great. Red started out as a slugging young outfielder, but when his big toe was crushed, limiting his running ability, he took to the mound.

On the Score Board



By Lester Rodney

Hanging Out the Weekend Wash

IT'S REALLY TOO early in the season to do any generalizing, and I haven't seen a single Western club yet, but sports writers rush in where Joe Starobin and George Morris fear to tread, so. . . .

Anyone who says **"The Giants can't go anywhere because they've got the same team as last year" isn't** talking sense. They have the same NAMES, but not the same players.

Bob Thompson has relaxed his too rigid attempt to copy DiMaggio's batting stance and is a tremendously improved batsman, making Leo Durocher look good for putting him first and foremost on the "untouchable" list when trade talk was going around.

Clint Hartung is one year advanced along that painful path by which a talented athlete who can throw the ball a mile a minute becomes a pitcher instead of a thrower.

Sid Gordon just became a regular well after the 1948 season started. Though he is already 30, he is for the first time a solidly set ballplayer.

Finally the team is smarter with Durocher, Frisch and Fitzsimmons working steadily on inside baseball and helping especially such things as pitching, baserunning, defensive cut-offs, hit and runs, et al. I'm not at all unhappy about my second place prediction for this ballclub. Brother Mize starts loosening up in earnest along about July. In fact, if pitchers Jones and Kennedy swing into line I may start worrying about having put this explosive club one peg too low!

BY THE WAY, in case you haven't noticed the International League boxscores, the Negro players signed by the Giants are playing regularly with Jersey City. Hank Thompson, the talented young second baseman-outfielder, has been shifted to shortstop, an interesting move. Outfielder Monte Irvin is banging the ball as expected. Over at Newark, the Yankees are keeping an eye on young Frank Austin, rangy, hard-hitting young shortstop who has more big league possibilities than Art, Wilson, the man Veeck snatched out of their mitts.

FAIL TO FALL in with all the furore about the Phils. Much improved as they are, and with clear signs of further improvement to come, they simply do not have a first division pitching staff as yet. The young bonus phenoms like Roberts, Simmons and Bicknell are all uneven, the unfortunate result of the ruling that forbids them needed minor league experience. Name one Philly pitcher who will win 15 games.

EARLY PREDICTIONS AND COMMENTS: Jack Banta of Brooklyn will wind up the pitching rookie of the year. . . . Alvin Dark of Boston will hit .330 again or better. . . . The A's will be leading the league in July on the strength of superb pitching and defense and just enough hitting. Then the greater strength of the Indians, Bosox and Yanks will begin to tell. . . . **Elmer Valo of the A's is my idea of an unsung star. The Palmerton, Pa. lad (who was born in Czechoslovakia) is the finest defensive rightfielder in the league, with a flaming spirit, speed and good arm, and hits a productive .300 or better every year.** . . . Bosox still haven't got the pitching. . . . All the early talk of the total Yankee collapse, badly exaggerated with the kernal of good players still on the club and the league's second best pitching staff, actually was a favor to Casey Stengal because he'll look good now when the team finishes a strong third (or better).

IF THE WORLD SERIES is to be between the two teams with the top defensive infields, it's Cleveland and Brooklyn and no mistakes. With the emergence of Billy Cox as a superlative third sacker, the Dodger quartet of Hodges, Robinson, Reese and Cox may even rate an edge over the classy, but subtly slowing Vernon, Gordon, Boudreau, Keltner. Don't quote me in Cleveland on this.

JOE LOUIS and Henry Armstrong think the new fight movies like "Setup" and "Champion" give a distorted view of the prize ring, leaving by omission a picture of ONLY corruption and dishonesty and completely negating the battering of jimcrow which has been one of the meaningful aspects of a rough and tough sport which certainly, as these movies do show, is no lily.

THE GREAT Stan Musial is, of course, the top athletic product of Donora, Pa., pop. 13,000. But this little industrial town on the Monongahela has turned out many more top notch athletes, and don't try to speak against unions to any of them! Forward-passer Arnold Galiffa, middleweight contender Lee Sala, and a raft of top notch college football players. Besides Galiffa there are no less than 16 Donora lads playing on topline college teams, including three at Pitt. You must add this special region to the others famous for turning out good gridders, like the Chicago and Gary Calumet area, Michigan's Sawinaw Valley, the Canton-Massilon-Arkon-Cleveland territory in Ohio.

A New York sports writer was chatting with some of the Cards from down South this spring when the Gardella case was in the headlines. Someone mentioned the fact that things are a little better for big leaguers with a five thousand minimum and a ruling forbidding a pay cut of more than 25 percent any single year. Said Mr. Musial of Donora:

"Yeah, you know when they made those concessions, don't you? Only when some of the boys started to talk union!"

THERE ARE 61 leagues and 463 clubs in organized baseball. The two states in the union unrepresented are Vermont and Wyoming. Maine just gets in with the Portland club. North Carolina and Texas lead with 42 and 41 respectively. It's that weather.

Occupational Hazards!

Baseball Has 'Em Brother—If You Don't Think, Read This

Injuries — sore arms — spike wounds — pulled muscles — beaning by a pitched ball. These are some of the occupational hazards of our national pastime, and don't forget to average them into the total picture when you think about baseball salaries and the life expectancy of the average ballplayer in his highly skilled trade!

Here are some of the mishaps of this young season:

Joe DiMaggio, brought down by his non-healing heel, was the first and most important casualty of the spring. Bob Feller, Cleveland's pitching ace, was retired after three innings of the opener against the St. Louis Browns with a shoulder disorder that puts his fireballing career in jeopardy at the age of 31.

Ray Sanders, Boston Braves first baseman, who cracked a wrist executing a tag and will be out until June—at least. George (Whitey) Kurowski of the St. Louis Cardinals, who already were shy on manpower. The veteran third baseman threw his arm out.

Leroy (Satchel) Paige, the 40-odd year old Cleveland pitcher who strained his side shagging fly balls and is out indefinitely.

Charley Keller of the Yankees, who pulled a muscle in his side at a time when DiMag was on the shelf along with Johnny Lindell, pitcher Bob Porterfield, George Stirnweiss, Charley Silvera and Clarence Marshall. All had baseball-incurred injuries.

Then there are the Washington pitching patients—Ed Klieman, and Joe Haynes. Klieman has an injured index finger on his pitching hand, Haynes has a shoulder strain.

And outfielder Hank Edwards of Cleveland who received a shoulder separation swinging at a pitch.

Some of the other boys had close calls. Big Ralph Kiner of the Pittsburgh Pirates was hit in the head by a batted ball on the West Coast and was out for a couple of days while everyone kept their fingers crossed.

Richie Ashburn of the Phillies, one of the top rookies in '48, was hit in the eye by a thrown ball while rounding third base trying to score. He came out of it okay.

Dick Kokos and Paul Lehner, St. Louis Brownie outfielders, crashed under a fly ball and were lugged off the field.

Outfielder Clint Conatser of the Braves was beaned by rookie pitcher Frank Fanovich of Cincinnati and carried out on a stretcher. He started to wear a headgear—when the regular season opened.

Catcher Del Rice of the Cardinals and Sal Yvars of the Giants fractured fingers on their catching hands.

So it goes!



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MAY DAY

End the Cold War

Repeal Taft-Hartley

For Negro Rights

Stop the Witchhunts



Communist Statement Solons Suppressed

Following is the statement Edward Starr, Legislative Director of the Illinois Communist Party, was prevented from reading at the House Judiciary Committee hearing on the Broyles Bills.

After the first few sentences, Starr was cut off with a query on his stand in event of war. He was ordered off the witness stand after firmly declaring: "To talk of war as inevitable, to plan for war when humanity cries for peace, is treason. The Communist Party will not support any war in which the United States is the aggressor."

The statement:

Gentlemen, you are probably more familiar than I with the fact that the majority of Illinois citizens have already expressed their disapproval and opposition to these bills.

These bills ostensibly seek to protect our civil liberties when in truth they would destroy our remaining freedoms. They pretend to aim at one group when in truth all groups who seek social betterment would be its victims.

These truths, so simple and clear, are profoundly expressed in the opposition to the bills. And yet, even such opposition, which is no more than the exercise of fundamental constitutional rights, would indeed be dangerous and a basis for prosecution if these bills are passed.

Section 4 of Senate Bill 156, as amended, defines a Communist as "any person who espouses the cause of Communism." Since these bills are ostensibly aimed at Communists, do all of these citizens who oppose them become subject to the penalties of the Broyles Bills?

Under a philosophy that considers Broylesism and Americanism synonimous, the Illinois list of subversive organizations could very easily be the present list of organizations that oppose the Broyles Bills.

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THESE BILLS further pretend to cope with a clear and present danger. The truth is, however, that the danger of subversion and the destruction of representative government arises not from the Communist Party, but from these evil men who seek to thwart the desires of the American people for peace, more democracy and social progress.

Let them investigate and legislate against such subversive dangers as the growing cancer of unemployment and high prices, slums and the lack of housing for veterans, the poverty that prevents many school children from eating hot lunches, and war-mongering

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Bare Plot to Drive Negroes From S. Side

By Ann Prosten

CHICAGO.—Chicago's Negro citizens and white progressives mobilized to resist a long-range conspiracy to deprive the city's Negro people of a place to live. Last week hundreds of irate citizens organized by the newly formed Committee to End Segregation and Discrimination packed City Council chambers, and marched in front of City Hall to hit a deal that would uproot and make homeless 3,500 Negro families. Bearing signs that demanded of the City Council and the Mayor: "Oppose Project No. 1! We Shall Not Be Moved!" "Don't Take Our Homes to Enrich New York Life!" "No Slum Clearance for Jimcrow Housing!" the assemblage gathered to protest an anti-Negro housing scheme before the City Council the morning of April 22. The plan, approved by the City Council, will result in the eviction of all families living in the area from 31 to 35 Sts., South Parkway to the Lake, to make way for a Jimcrow housing development by the New York Life Insurance Co.

Chief conspirators in the cynical plot were exposed at a meeting called by the Committee earlier in the week. One thousand tenants and homeowners, gathered at the Metropolitan Community Church, 4100 South Parkway, on April 19, heard Earl B. Dickerson, chairman of the meeting, describe the conspiracy as "a shameful plot to clear the Negro people out of the city proper, and force them to the outskirts of Chicago."

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INVOLVED in the plot, according to evidence given the meeting by Alderman William H. Harvey of the 2nd Ward and Alderman Archibald J. Carey, Jr. of the 3rd Ward, is the Mayor of Chicago, who masqueraded as a "liberal" to win votes two short years ago.

It was Mayor Martin H. Kennelly who several weeks ago appeared before Chicago's City Council to demand, and win, defeat of the anti-discrimination housing ordinance proposed at that time by Alderman Carey. Information brought to light by the Committee and confirmed by the Councilmen points to the fact that the Mayor's attack on the Carey Bill stemmed from a bigotry even deeper than support of Jimcrow housing. As speaker followed speaker at the Metropolitan Church meeting, it became clear that Mayor Kennelly's action was the opening gun of a campaign organized over a period of years by monied interests to reclaim from the Negro people "desirable" sections of the city which they now occupy.

The land on South Side now occupied by the bulk of Chicago's Negro population was chosen by Chicago's early settlers for its closeness to the lake and the business center of Chicago. Around it were developed the most modern transportation facilities, educational and entertainment centers.

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AS TIME and characteristic civic corruption blighted the area, it was abandoned to the Negro people—at a price.

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"WE ARE not impressed," said Sidney L. Ordower, Legislative Director of the Progressive Party of Illinois, who also spoke, "by disclaimers from New York Life of any Jimcrow intent in their housing development, when at the same time they make it clear that rents will range from $75 to over $100 for average size apartments. Few, if any, of the Negro families now living in the area could afford such rents, and both the Mayor and the New York Life know that fact well."

At the close of the meeting the group adopted the following resolution unanimously:

"We serve notice on the Mayor and the City Council that we will resist attempts to approve any projects for insurance companies and other agencies which will dislocate tenants and small homeowners for the purpose of building Jimcrow housing . . .

"We are for ridding Chicago of blighted areas," their resolution went on, "but not at the expense of tenants and homeowners who will be moved from one crowded area into others to satisfy the needs of the New York Life Insurance Co."

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THEY offered an "alternative program to Project No. 1 and similar ventures," which proposed:

• That the 19 square miles of vacant land in Chicago be acquired by the Land Clearance Commission and the Chicago Housing Authority for the purpose of building new housing and that the state legislature enact additional legislation to accomplish this goal.

• That the state and federal governments make possible the building of vast numbers of low-rental public housing units and middle-income housing cooperatives and mutual ownership projects.

• That the Mayor and the City Council reconsider their action on the Carey Ordinance and pass such non-discrimination legislation.

• That slum clearance be started AFTER the housing shortage has been relieved to a substantial degree by the building of low and middle income housing.



RESIDENTS of South Side Negro community kneeling in prayer outside City Hall in protest against being driven from the area to make way for jimcrow New York Life Insurance housing project. Hundreds picketed City Hall and crowded City Council chambers but city fathers gave go-ahead signal to jimcrow project.

Applaud Worker's Support

Only one of Chicago's many newspapers made its presence and its support of the fight against jimcrow housing known to the thousand people assembled in protest against Project No. 1.

Chairman Dickerson had announced that one newspaper had just phoned in for a report on the meeting.

"I am glad to report that the Illinois Worker considers this fight important enough to have its representative here."

Ann Prosten, this paper's reporter, rose to announce, "We back you and will stick with you to help defeat jimcrow in Chicago."

Members of the audience crowded around the reporter when the meeting adjourned, to ask for copies of the paper and inquired how they could subscribe to it.

Dickerson Hits Council Jimcrow Housing Acti

CHICAGO.—The Committee to End Segregation and Discrimination charged Mayor Kennelly and the majority of the City Council with betraying the Negro people by approving the Ordinance which would permit the acquisition of Redevelopment Project No. 1 for resale to the New York Life Insurance Company.

Speaking on behalf of the Committee, which comprises more than 50 civic, labor, veteran and religious groups, Earl B. Dickerson, chairman, said:

"Mayor Kennelly and the City Council have acted on behalf of the big money interests as opposed to the needs of the people of Chicago. This project will intensify rather than ease the acute housing shortage in Chicago.

"This fight is far from over. We shall continue to resist by all lawful means this attempt to deprive the people of their homes."

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Chicago Peace Rally Carries Forward May Day Traditions

CHICAGO. — The great traditions of May Day, international labor holiday, were carried forward here this year under the keynote of preserving world peace at the huge rally in the Chicago Coliseum Friday.

Thousands of Chicagoans poured out to hear Henry A. Wallace and European political leaders traveling with him in a nation-wide peace tour.

It was Wallace's first appearance here since last Fall's presidential election campaign and also the first time that the international traditions of May Day were dramatized in Chicago by the personal presence of labor representatives from countries of Europe.

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WITH May Day having been born in this city, the rally gave a thunderous ovation to Wallace's European guests in a demonstration of international solidarity for peace.

The climax was reached with the tumultous welcome accorded Wallace, who lashed the aggressive direction of U. S. foreign policy and called for assertion of the peoples' will for eace.

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SPEAKING directly on May Day and its great labor traditions, William Smith, Negro vice-resident of the CIO United Farm Equipment Workers Union, recalled that the historic 8-hour day movement was led by workers at the McCormick Reaper Works in 1886, whose leaders were framed and sent to the gallows.

This militant tradition is being continued now by the workers of McCormick in their preference for a fighting, progressive union, Smith declared.

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HE pointed to the results of the recent election at McCormick Works, where workers rejected the raiding United Auto Workers and retained the Farm Equipment Union as their bargaining representative.

The victory for FE at McCormick Works, Smith concluded, indicated that Red-baiting is rejected by the workers when the issue is clear as between a union proudly carrying on in the best tradition of May Day and one turning its back on a policy of militant struggle that gave birth to and built the labor movement.

Hazels Still in 'Deathtrap'

CHICAGO.—This city's worst housed family, the James Hazels, of 4065 S. Wentworth Ave;, remained in their deathtrap dwelling last week. despite promises of help given by officers of the Chicago Housing Authority. A delegation representing labor and progressive organizations had won consideration for the family's plight from the Housing Authority two weeks ago.

The family of 12, who live without gas or running water in two rooms of sagging frame house infested with rats, continued their desperate search for a place to live. They are racing against what they know is the imminent danger of the building's collapse.

Last week's mass-meeting of the Committee to End Segregation and Discrimination, described elsewhere in this issue, heard the story of the Hazel family from a reporter of the Illinois Worker. They applauded the proposal that Mayor Kennelly be presented with photographs of how the Hazel family lives, and asked for immediate aid in re-housing the family.

Local 347 of the United Packinghouse Workers, of which Hazel, Armour worker for 25 years, is a member, and the South Side Tenants Council of the Progressive Party report that intensified plans are under way to rescue the family before it is too late.

Unions Back YP! Job Conference

CHICAGO.—A Job Conferenee for Young Workers, suggested by Young Progressives of Illinois, and sponsored by many Chicago union leaders, will take place Sunday, May 8, 10:30 a.m. at the South Side Community Arts center, 3831 S. Michigan.

The conference will map out a program to fight for the needs of young workers, the majority on most lay-off lists. Especially hard-hit are the young Negroes, last-hired and first-fired. A highlight of the conference will be a planned campaign to smash Jimcrow in hiring, and to follow-up on YPI's initial cracking of discrimination in hiring by CTA.

The feature of the conference will be the beginning of a campaign to extend 52-20 for two years. Young Progressives of America drafted a bill for this purpose. The bill was presented by Vito Marcantonio, American Labor Party Congressman.

Other campaigns to be discussed are: a program to fight layoffs; sharing the work by cutting the work-week with no cut in pay; public works projects at union wage scales; the need for a wage increase; curbing the monopolists, militarists, and munitions makers who are pushing the cold war which directly threatens the living standard of every worker; immediate unemployment compensation for workers looking for their first jobs; raising compensation to at least $35; repeal of Taft-Hartley and restoring the Wagner Act; protecting the trade unions and the democratic rights won by American workers in years of struggle against reaction and red-baiting.

Many executive boards of Chicago locals have endorsed the conference and are working to insure a good turn-out.

Science Notebook, a column on latest developments in science by Peter Stone, appears frequently in the Daily Worker.

Jimmy Higgins, Jr.



Gag Foes; Broyles Bills to House; Hutchins Sets Back Witchhunters

SPRINGFIELD.— A mammoth delegation of more than 1,000 persons from all corners of Illinois last week crowded the House galleries as the House Judiciary Committee debated—and then recommended for passage—three Broyles bills.

The delegates, more than twice as many as were on hand for the Senate Judiciary Committee hearings on the bills a few weeks earlier, sat and stood in orderly fashion during four stormy hours oif debate.

Rep. T: J. Sullivan, committee chairman, disclosed representatives of so many organizations had asked permission to testify against the bills that even if each witness was given only five minutes, it would take 9½ hours to hear them all.

Nevertheless, the committee opened hearings by adopting a motion to limit all witnesses on each side to one hour. The bills' supporters were unable to muster enough speakers to fill even the one hour allotted them.

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CLIMAX of the session came when G. William Horsley (R-Springfield) insisted that witness John T. Bernard, legislative representative of District 11, UE-CIO, answer the question, "Are you now, or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?"

Bernard said calmly, "My political party is my own business. You have no right to ask me that question."

Horsely immediately moved that Bernard be ordered to step down without testifying. The motion passed with only one dissenting vote, cast by Rep. Paul H. Ferguson (D-Decatur), who later told the committee its refusal to hear Bernard constituted a violation of the Illinois Code.

When Horsley asked the same question of Arthur H. Price, organizational secretary of the Illinois Civil Rights Congress, he replied, "That's not a legitimate question." Price was also denied the right to testify.

When Edward Starr took the stand, he identified himself as legislative chairman of the Illinois

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Worker at McCormick Works of International Harvester Co. pays off a bet after raid of UAW ends in dismal failure. Farm Equipment Union retained bargaining representation for plant's 6,000 workers, defeating UAW by a majority of more than 450.

Tenants Hit Rent Hike; P-P Fights Phone Boost

CHICAGO. — Cheered by implied support from the federal Rent Control office, Chicago landlords this week intensified their fight for a 25 percent general rent increase and tenants mobilized a counter-offensive to block the hike.

Area Rent Director Norman B. Shogren, an appointee of the Truman administration, joined in the rent-increase propaganda drive by announcing that "there is a possibility of a general rent increase in this county."

He added that "the Cook County Rent Advisory Board is seriously considering a general rent increase."

The announcement drew a rebuke from Mrs. Gertrude Noyes, secretary of the Chicago Tenants Council. "Mr. Shogren," she said, "should be fighting to hold the line on rents and to assure tenants of government protection

CHICAGO. — Blasting the "betrayal of the city administration" in supporting a $26,000,000 rate increase for the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, the Progressive Party of Illinois this week announced it would seek to block the new attempt to raise telephone bills by appearing before the state Commerce commission.

Under popular pressure, the city administration "investigated" demands of the corporation for the increase in telephone bills. Following the "investigation," Joseph Grossman, assistant city corporation counsel, announced agreement to a $26,000,000 hike.

"Mayor Kennelly's administration has again double-crossed the people of Chicago," declared Sidney Ordower, legislative representative of the Progressive Party, in announcing the intention of the party to intervene in hearings before the Commerce commission which must pass on the application for higher rates.

"Less than two years ago, the telephone company obtained a $25,000,000 increase," he said. "By state law, two years must elapse before another increase can be considered. But more important is the fact that A. T. & T., which owns more than 99 percent of the Illinois Bell stock, made a net profit of 208,000,000 last year

Zero Hour in Ill.

AN EDITORIAL

Zero hour is approaching for democracy in Illinois.

The Broyles Bills are now before the House and the next weeks will tell whether the state of Abe Lincoln is to be taken down the path to fascism.

The people of this state have overwhelmingly made clear that the Broyles Bills must not become law. No other issue in Illinois legislative history has aroused such a tide of public expression and action. Latest to speak out is the Chicago Bar Association.

The House Judiciary Committee's stamp of approval now raises the danger-signal for all who cherish liberty and freedom. The bills are moving ominously closer to final approval.

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ALTHOUGH the danger is great, we say these bills can be stopped. But it will take even greater action and protest from the people.

Proof that fascism in Illinois can be stopped is offered by the vote in the House Judiciary Committee in contrast to the unanimous approval weeks earlier by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Ten committee members voted against SB 156, outlawing the Communist Party and "Communist-front" organizations, as compared to 14 for it and three others merely voting "present."

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THE UPSURGE of protest has begun to register. This is the basic lesson from the committee's vote. If the protests are intensified now to each State Representative, there is reason for believing a great victory for democracy can be won.

This opportunity has been greatly advanced by the stalwart testimony of Dr. Robert Hutchins before the Broyles Commission. His unequivocal stand in defense of civil rights, for Communists as well as others, was a signal blow for democracy and a devastating indictment of the witch-hunters.

Act immediately. Let your State Representative know you want the Broyles Bills defeated in the House. Demand that Gov. Stevenson speak out against them, before the House vote. The zero hour is near, the people must act and they can win.

By Gunnar Leander

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—Sen. Paul Broyles suddenly found himself in the defendant's box during his own inquisition into subversive activities in Chicago colleges this week.

Chancellor Robert M. Hutchins of the University of Chicago, leading an entourage of distinguished witnesses, turned prosecutor in telling off Broyles that his task as a legislator "is to eliminate those social and economic evils and those political injustices which are the sources of discontent and disaffection."

Hutchins turned the tide of the entire state witchhunt as he declared before the Illinois Subversive Activities Commission:

"As is well known, there is a Communist Club among the students of the University (of Chicago). Eleven students belong to it. The Club has not sought to subvert the government of this state. Its members claim that they are interested in studying Communism, and some of them, perhaps all of them, may be sympathetic toward communism. **But the study of Communism is not a subversive activity."**

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THE INVESTIGATION of the U. of C. as well as of Roosevelt College was launched as a propaganda gun in the drive for passage of the repressive Broyles Bills to outlaw militant progressive activity in Illinois. Hutchins did not confine himself to a defense of his school but swung into a headlong attack on the bills themselves.

"The reason given (for the probe) was that some hundreds of young people . . . demonstrated in an impolite manner against certain bills pending in the legislature," Hutchins recounted. He continued:

"These students exercised their rights as American citizens to protest against pending legislation of which they disapproved. They were entirely right to disapprove of this pending legislation. The Broyles bills are unnecessary, since any dangers against which they are designed to protect us are already covered by laws on the statute books. They are, in my opinion as a former professor of law, unconstitutional. And, worst of all, they are un-American, since they aim at thought control. They aim a the suppression of ideas.

"It is now fashionable to call anybody with whom you disagree

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ROBERT HUTCHINS

Illinois' Rankin: Rep. G. W. Horsley

G. William Horsley, State Representative of the 45th District, has joined the infamous list of people's prosecutors. At the House judiciary committee hearing on the Broyles Bills, Horsley played the role of a Goebbels in the Reichstag and a Rankin in the Congress.

Acting as the "master strategist" of the pro-fascist proponents of the Broyles bills, Horsley called all the shots. It was he who asked every witness, including Senator Broyles, whether or not they are or have been members of the Communist Party. It was he who introduced almost all of the amendments (which were of a technical nature and were endorsed by Broyles). It was he who made the motion to deny John T. Bernard, former Congressman and UE legislative director, the right to testify.

When Ed Starr, legislative director of the Communist Party, took the rostrum and answered Horsley's question concerning his membership in the Communist Party, Horsley made the motion to also deny Starr the right to testify. This appeared even too raw for the chairman after another committee pointed out this was unconstitutional under the state constitution.

In about three minutes Horsley was again on his feet. It was he who asked Starr whether he would support the United States in a war between the United States and Russia. Starr couldn't get out a dozen words more when Horsley made the motion to deny him witness stand.

The chairman, Rep. T. J. Sullivan, also of Springfield, then ordered Starr from the witness stand. Once again Horsleyism triumphed over the state constitution which guarantees Illinois citizens the right to testify on legislation.

A-Bombs Can Come Home to Roost

CHICAGO.—Atom bombs, like chickens, can come to roost.

Some Chicagoans who have been leaning back languidly, lost in smoke dreams of how the atom bomb was going to win a "quickie" war for us by wiping out the other guys in a few days got a rude awakening last week.

It seems that American cities—among them Chicago, are very vulnerable to attack by the atom bomb. It makes peace a much more attractive idea—something really worth thinking about.

In a newly-published book "Must We Hide?" Dr. R. E. Lapp, a well-known nuclear physicist exploded the idea on which American foreign policy is based—that A-bombs alone can win a war—and goes on to point out that a single strategically planted bomb could cause havoc in cities like New York and Chicago, which have dense populations thickly clustered in a metropolitan area.

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DR. LAPP'S book caused the **Sun-Times** to mourn in a head over the story breaking the sad news—"A-Bomb 'Finishes' Chicago."

But the **Sun-Times** didn't stay depressed long. The next day they got a "follow" story in which they pointed out, hopefully, that many experts disagreed with Dr. Lapp. They then proceeded to quote Dr. Samuel Allison, director of the University of Chicago's Nuclear Institute, as one of those disagreeing, as follows:

"It would be much easier to drop the bomb in Lake Michigan to make our water supply radioactive than it would be to blast the loop. The lake is a much bigger target."

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FOR THOSE of its readers who might not get much comfort from such disagreement, the paper appended this sentence from Dr. Allison:

"I disagree with any thesis that there is really going to be an atomic war."

So Dr. Allison does. Millions of Americans don't want an atomic war either.

But there are men in Wall Street and in Washington who think it would be a wonderful idea.

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THESE MEN must be told different. They must be told quickly—and directly—and forcefully.

The people want peace. But they can't have peace and the North Atlantic pact; peace and the Marshall plan; peace and a Wall Street foreign policy.

Negro Bystander Brutally Beaten By Louisiana Cops

NEW ORLEANS, La.—On Sunday, April 10, the Young Progressives conducted an outdoor registration school at the corner of Melpomene and Freret. At a table on the sidewalk they had literature and posters. Three or four attendants explained to inquirers what they had to do in order to register and vote.

A squad car pulled up, and the two policemen in it growled: "What you tryin' to do, teach these people rights?" (One policeman's badge was No. 665.) When they asked Frank Ervin, white student at the table, if he were there alone, he said "Yes" to protect his three Negro co-workers.

Samuel Spears, 40, a Negro resident of the neighborhood, living at 3831 Duplessis St., stopped at the table to look at the display. Spears is not a member of the Progressive Party, and was a complete stranger to the Young Progressives at the outdoor booth.

One of the cops gruffly told Spears to "move on," then the other cop said, "Kick that n----r!" Spears, about to move on, looked around. The first cop grabbed him by the collar, and Spears put up his hand to protect his sunglasses, expecting a blow.

"Oh, so you're resistin' arrest, hey?" the cop said.

"I ain't resistin' arrest, officer," Speers said.

The Young Progressives present testify that Spears did not resist or fight back. He is a small man, about 5 ft. 6 in. in height and weighing about 142 pounds.

Miss Judy Smith, one of the people in charge, phoned the executive secretary of the C. R. C. He at once tried every method to save the man from the beating that we have come to expect whenever the police arrest a Negro, whatever the cause. The desk sergeant at Precinct 2 said Spears had not yet been booked.

Meanwhile Mrs. Samuel Spears tried to get help from Henry Hennessey, proprietor of the Hennessey Optical Goods concern, 427 Penn St., where her husband had been employed as a porter for more than two years. Finally, Mr. Hennessey went down to the Second Precinct and heard the police side of the case. His action was to fire Spears forthwith.

As Spears tells the story, the two arresting officers started to beat him as soon as they got him in the precinct. The desk sergeant interupted the beating long enough to take Spears' name and address, and other routine questions. Then the beating was resumed. Five policemen took part. "A policeman hit me with a billy, and then another policeman hit me. They hit me from behind, from the side, from everywhere. They knocked me down and kicked me. The desk sergeant kicked me in the chin. Then they stomped on me."

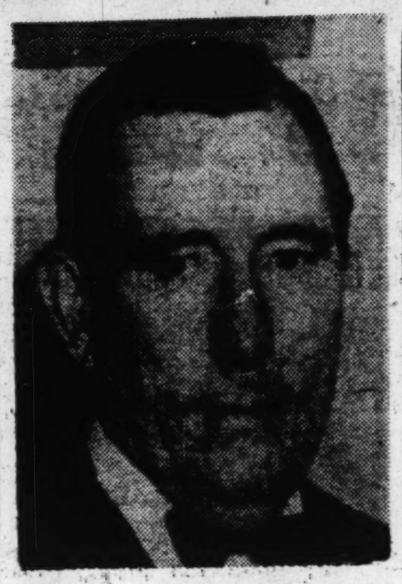
Then the guardians of the law, Spears says, took him up to a cell and left him there, raw and bleeding, without treatment, till the next day. At 11:15 a.m. Tureaud, a lawyer, got him paroled. At once Spears was taken to Charity Hospital, examined and X-rayed, and it was found that in addition to bruises and contusions and a cut chin, he had a burst ear drum.

Pepper Backs War Pact, Floridians Denounce Him

TAMPA, Fla.—In a strongly-worded statement to Sen. Claude Pepper of Florida a number of prominent civic leaders urged the Senator to act and speak out against the North Atlantic Military Alliance. They declared that the NAMA "is subjecting the nation to the continually increasing danger of disastrous and wholly unnecessary war."

Sen. Pepper has already publicly declared that he favors the alliance. He even went further and stated that, following the ratification of the alliance by the Senate, military aid must be given to those countries that signed the Alliance.

This saber-rattling and warmongering by Sen. Pepper is finding widespread opposition in liberal and progressive circles in Florida. Many former Pepper supporters have learned that Pepper left the progressive camp and has become a front-man for the Truman administration



SEN. CLAUDE PEPPER

The movement against Pepper and the NAMA is growing in Florida. Among the signers of the statement to Pepper are: Col. Raymond Robins, Brooksville; Jack Kofoed, columnist, Miami Herald; John H. Reynolds, Assistant Professor of Social Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville; Prof. Guy G. Becknell, University of Tampa; M. A. Soper, Pastor (Methodist); John M. Coe, State Chairman, Progressive Party; William R. Stevenson, Minister Union Congregational Church, Jacksonville; Edward G. Maxted, Episcopal Minister, Retired, Warrington; Max Selig, Teacher, Winter Park; John R. Reed, secretary RSCE, Apopka; Gerald Gilbert Gavorchin, Assistant Professor of History, University of Miami; W. M. Mullen, Sebring; Elbert Russell, St. Petersburg.

Murray's Anti-Negro Aides Try to Destroy Mine Union

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union (CIO) has demanded that Philip Murray immediately convene a special meeting of the CIO Executive Board to hear charges against Murray's United Steel Workers for terroristic, anti-Negro raiding in this area. The raiding occurred in a consent election of Tennessee Coal and Iron Company ore miners in this area April 21.

The steel union's campaign, handled by Murray's personal representative, Nick A. Zonarich, included open conspiracy with the company, a United States Steel Company subsidiary, and a fascist-like reign of terror that resulted in putting Maurice Travis, secretary-treasurer of the International Mine, Mill Union, into the hospital badly injured and facing the probability that he will be permanently blinded.

Company union elements, including many who did not deny charges that they were active Ku Klux Klansmen, were used by paid staffmen of the United Steel Workers of America to start a lily-white secession movement in five TCI locals of the Mine, Mill Union three months ago. Murray issued the secessionists charters as CIO Industrial locals. The movement finally resulted in a consent election on April 21.

Murray sent Zonarich here to take charge and as the result of a reign of terror by gangs of hoodlums, led by Zonarich, the vote went against Mine, Mill, 2,696 to 2,233. The Negro workers, in the face of a red-baiting and Negro-baiting campaign by the raiders, voted solidly for Mine, Mill. Gangs of hoodlums, led by Zonarich and Bob Christopherson, a CIO Southern Drive employee, terrorized workers.

The telegram sent to Murray, signed by International MM&SW president John Clark and International vice presidents Reid Robinson and Orville Larson, declared:

"We are confident that the members of the United Steel Workers of America and all other members of CIO do not wish to see their per capita spent on gangster union busting. This attack on our union in the South is especially despicable since your representatives have been using the race issue to divide the iron ore miners in the face of an outstanding fight against racial discrimination by our union. Also participating in the attack were the leaders of the company unions outlawed by the Wagner Act, who are now members of the United Steel Workers of America."

Terror marked the entire campaign. One Mine, Mill staff member was kidnapped and held for several hours and the union office was entered and ransacked. One white ore miner who was an election observer declared that threats were made to workers even at the voting booths. "It was the most unfair thing I have ever seen," he said. "It was un-American."

This Steel Worker Union campaign to split white workers away from Mine, Mill by terror and Negro-baiting is clearly a part of the long term strategy of the TCI company. For several years the company has been hiring mostly white workers to shift the percentage of Negro - white composition.

Kentucky Students Vote on Segregation

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Three proposals for ending racial and religious discrimination on the campus of the University of Louisville have been voted down by the student body.

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OF THE 5,000 members of the student body, 2,136 voted, which is a record for the University of Louisville. Also unprecedented was the fact that a Negro student of Louisville Municipal College (the jimcrow college of the University of Louisville) was a member of the committee of three who counted the ballots. By this act, though by the back door, Negroes were admitted to the student management of the joint affairs of the colleges which make up the University of Louisville.

Spokesmen for the progressives said that the fight has only begun and this election represents the first gun in an active campaign to abolish discrimination from the campus, to end the present jimcrow situation where Negro students are segregated into the Municipal College and denied the facilities and barred from the social life of the university as a whole. Louisville progressive stutend to interest students in other Kentucky universities and colleges in the fight against discrimination and chauvinism.

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THE FIGHT began when Lyman Johnson, a teacher in a Louisville high school, brought suit in federal court to gain admittance to the University of Kentucky Graduate School at Lexington, Ky. Federal Judge Church Ford ruled that the University of Kentucky would have to admit Johnson as a student and accord him the privileges accorded other students.

Besides Judge Ford's ruling, two other factors favor the possibility that Kentucky's infamous Day Law (the law which bars whites and Negroes meeting together in school and elsewhere) may become a dead letter. They are: People of Negro ancestry have already matriculated at the University of Kentucky as exchange students from foreign countries. And scouts for the "Wildcats" basketball team have their eyes on a couple of star Negro netmen.

CIO Would Expel Pleader for Peace

HOUSTON, Tex.—Instead of eliminating jimcrow practices at its meetings and fighting for "pork-chop" issues of the workers, the CIO council here is trying to expel a member who signed a letter calling for an end to the cold war.

At its last meeting, the Council drew up charges against Jacqueline Nelson, Business Agent of Local 75, Food, Tobacco, and Agricultural Workers Union (FTA), and appointed a special trial committee.

Miss Nelson was charged with violating the section of the Council Constitution which prohibits membership in the Council to "persons who subscribe to Nazi, Fascist, or Communist principles, or participate in activities supporting these principles," and with "bringing the CIO Council into ill repute through various communicative letters."

The letter referred to was an open letter to President Truman, Secretary of State Dean Acheson, and Senator Tom Connally, calling for a change in our foreign policy from one of "cold war" to one of peace. The open letter denounced the Atlantic Pact and called on President Truman to accept the offer of the Soviet Union to hold peaceful negotiations between the two countries to settle outstanding differences. This letter was signed by church, civic, labor, and professional leaders throughout Texas.

In a public statement distributed to thousands of workers throughout the Houston area, the Executive Board of Local 75, FTA, demanded that the charges against Miss Nelson be dropped. "Is red-baiting the way members of the Houston Area CIO Council cover up their failure to fight on pork chop issues"? the union statement asked. The FTA statement demanded to know why the CIO Council had not offered strike aid to the 600 FTA compress workers recently on strike; and why the Council has not drawn up a program for the fight against layoffs, speed-up, and for the 100 percent repeal of the Taft-Hartley law. The FTA statement criticized jimcrow at CIO Council meetings, and called on the Council "to spend its time on a constructive program for peace and preparation against the looming depression."

Wilkerson Tops May Day Program

RICHMOND, Va.—Dr. Doxey Wilkerson, noted educator, author and recent star witness in exposing the jimcrow, richman's Grand Jury system, will be the chief speaker at a May Day celebration here Sunday, May 1.



The celebration will take place at 3:30 p.m. at Price's Hall, 212 East Leigh Street.

Richmonders have been urged to come to the celebration to protest the recent brutal killing of a Negro farmer in Charles City County, only 20 miles from Richmond, by an ABC Board Inspector. They have been invited to participate in the meeting to help win peace, jobs, security and to end segregation.

Also a special feature of the May Day celebration will be the showing of "Native Land," a special full-length feature film, in which Paul Robeson sings and narrates.

BIGOTS FORCE OUT COLLEGE PRESIDENT

RICHMOND, Va.—Dr. Riley B. Montgomery, President of the Lynchburg College resigned following criticisms by bigoted "white supremacists" because he permitted Negro students from the Virginia State College to have social contact with the white students at a weekend conference and social gathering last year.

The Negro students attended an inter-racial meeting on the Lynchburg College campus. After the meeting they were invited to join a dance sponsored by white students.

Since that time, Dr. Montgomery, who upheld the right of the races to get together, has been under fire by the local race haters.

Dr. Montgomery is to assume the presidency of the College of the Bible at Lexington, Ky.

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Starr had barely begun his testimony when Horsley interrupted to ask which side he would support in the event the United States went to war with the Soviet Union. Starr replied that he was coming to that point in his statement, but Horsley insisted he give a "yes" or "no" answer immediately.

"The Communist Party will not support an aggressive war by the United States," Starr declared, after saying it was impossible to answer Horsley's question without presenting some explanation for the reply.

Chairman Sullivan furiously pounded his gavel and ordered Starr to leave the witness stand.

Although Sullivan permitted the few proponents of the Broyles bills to applaud the speeches of witnesses supporting the bills, he threatened to order the committee into closed executive session when the galleries applauded a motion by James W. Gray (D-E. St. Louis) to table the measures. The motion lost, 18 to 5.

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WITNESSES favoring the bills were Broyles, Edward Clamage, chairman of the anti-subversive committee of the Illinois dept. American Legion; Frank Polley, Ill. Dept. adjutant, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Joseph Rider of the "Veterans' Council of Sangamon County;" and Norval Hodges, counsel for the University of Illinois, who is also secretary of the Broyles Commission.

First witness against the bills was Dr. John A. Lapp, who spoke on behalf of the Chicago Division, American Civil Liberties Union, Citizens Schools Committee, IVI, and 20 other organizations.

Although Lapp answered "no" when Horsley asked if he was or had ever been a Communist, the Civil Liberties Union later issued a statement protesting against use of the question by the committee.

Lapp bitterly assailed the vague and loose language of the Broyles bills, insisting that "strike hard at the right of free speech."

He argued that no matter how many amendments might be introduced, the bills would still be unconstitutional, because "it is impossible for a legislature to define thought and talk as a penal offense." Dr. Lapp pointed out that under S. B. 153, no teacher would dare to explain to students the facts of the American revolution, the French revolution, the German revolution, or the Irish revolution.

James O. Monroe, former state representative and publisher of the Collinsville Herald, said flatly, "I don't know of anyone who is for these bills except the extremists of the American Legion."

"We're the sons of rebels," he said. "We're the sons of revolutionaries. Le's not get excited about the word and dishonor our forebears." And here he quoted Abraham Lincoln's first inaugural address on the right to overthrow governments.

Monroe read a letter he had received from the Dean of the U. of I. law school, applauding an editorial his paper had printed attacking the Broyles bills. He pointed to the fact that 50 U. of I. faculty members and a faculty group at the University of Chicago had adopted resolutions condemning the bills.

And he told about a story in the Daily Illini, reporting that the U. of I. student senate had written a letter to Gov. Stevenson, urging him to veto the legislation if it passes the Assembly.

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Communism is not a plot. It is a theory of social development. Communists are not foreign agents but active and socially conscious citizens who seek to advance the social frontiers of our country just as our forefathers advanced our physical frontiers.

The American Communist Party is not a sinister foreign growth but a legitimate organized political party of American workers. It seeks to win the majority of Americans for an economic and social answer to the problems of economic crashes, chronic unemployment, race discrimination and periodic wars of growing violence and mass annihilation.

Gentlemen, you can disagree with our views but you cannot outlaw them. Ideas of social progress cannot be outlawed

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WE COMMUNISTS stand for Socialism, a system of government and economic life in which there is no exploitation of man by man, in which men live like brothers in a society free from insecurity, inequality and the conscious advocacy of and planning for war.

We openly declare that the system of free enterprise has outlived its social usefulness and has become a myth. It is the powerful few who today exploit the many. There is no freedom in a society dominated by the trusts who wax rich on war contracts, who preach preventative war and attempt to silence those who cry for peace.

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Gag Foes in Broyles Bills

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Communist Party, but Horsley still asked him the question, to which Starr replied "yes."

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Starr had barely begun his testimony when Horsley interrupted to ask which side he would support in the event the United States went to war with the Soviet Union. Starr replied that he was coming to that point in his statement, but Horsley insisted he give a "yes" or "no" answer immediately.

"The Communist Party will not support an aggressive war by the United States," Starr declared, after saying it was impossible to answer Horsley's question without presenting some explanation for the reply.

Chairman Sullivan furiously pounded his gavel and ordered Starr to leave the witness stand.

Although Sullivan permitted the few proponents of the Broyles bills to applaud the speeches of witnesses supporting the bills, he threatened to order the committee into closed executive session when the galleries applauded a motion by James W. Gray (D-E. St. Louis) to table the measures. The motion lost, 18 to 5.

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WITNESSES favoring the bills were Broyles, Edward Clamage, chairman of the anti-subversive committee of the Illinois dept. American Legion; Frank Polley, Ill. Dept. adjutant, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Joseph Rider of the "Veterans' Council of Sangamon County;" and Norval Hodges, counsel for the University of Illinois, who is also secretary of the Broyles Commission.

First witness against the bills was Dr. John A. Lapp, who spoke on behalf of the Chicago Division, American Civil Liberties Union Citizens Schools Committee, IVI, and 20 other organizations.

Although Lapp answered "no" when Horsley asked if he was or had ever been a Communist, the Civil Liberties Union later issued a statement protesting against use of the question by the committee.

Lapp bitterly assailed the vague and loose language of the Broyles bills, insisting that "strike hard at the right of free speech."

He argued that no matter how many amendments might be introduced, the bills would still be unconstitutional, because "it is impossible for a legislature to define thought and talk as a penal offense." Dr. Lapp pointed out that under S. B. 153, no teacher would dare to explain to students the facts of the American revolution, the French revolution, the German revolution, or the Irish revolution.

James O. Monroe, former state representative and publisher of the Collinsville Herald, said flatly, "I don't know of anyone who is for these bills except the extremists of the American Legion."

"We're the sons of rebels," he said. "We're the sons of revolutionaries. Le's not get excited about the word and dishonor our forebears." And here he quoted Abraham Lincoln's first inaugural address on the right to overthrow governments.

Monroe read a letter he had received from the Dean of the U. of I. law school, applauding an editorial his paper had printed attacking the Broyles bills. He pointed to the fact that 50 U. of I. faculty members and a faculty group at the University of Chicago had adopted resolutions condemning the bills.

And he told about a story in the Daily Illini, reporting that the U. of I. student senate had written a letter to Gov. Stevenson, urging him to veto the legislation if it passes the Assembly.

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and racist incitements.

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LET'S KEEP THE RECORD STRAIGHT about Communists, Communism, and the Communist Party. Communism is not a Russian theory that first saw the light of day in Moscow with the emergence of the Soviet Union, just as "free enterprise" is not an American theory that was discovered by George Washington and made eternal by the American Revolutionary War.

Communism is not a plot. It is a theory of social development. Communists are not foreign agents but active and socially conscious citizens who seek to advance the social frontiers of our country just as our forefathers advanced our physical frontiers.

The American Communist Party is not a sinister foreign growth but a legitimate organized political party of American workers. It seeks to win the majority of Americans for an economic and social answer to the problems of economic crashes, chronic unemployment, race discrimination and periodic wars of growing violence and mass annihilation.

Gentlemen, you can disagree with our views but you cannot outlaw them. Ideas of social progress cannot be outlawed

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We openly declare that the system of free enterprise has outlived its social usefulness and has become a myth. It is the powerful few who today exploit the many. There is no freedom in a society dominated by the trusts who wax rich on war contracts, who preach preventative war and attempt to silence those who cry for peace.

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TO ALL WORKERS FOR PEACE

Redbaiting Balks Action on GM-Diesel Unemployment

LAGRANGE, Ill.—It never fails. When red-baiting wins, the workers get kicked in the teeth. That was the lesson brought home to Electro-Motive workers who are members of Local 719, UAW-CIO. The Diesel Union called a special meeting to discuss the growing problem of lay-offs affecting the LaGrange and far South Side plants. Yet, the sum and substance of Shop Committee Chairman "Woody" Downey's report was that while some lay-offs had taken place, the situation wasn't serious.

In fact, he reported that he had been informed by the company that a substantial increase could be expected in the working force at the South Side plant within the next five years. Downey concluded his report without making any specific proposals.

MINIMIZE LAYOFFS

While the local union leadership tries to minimize the serious situation, hundreds of so-called temporary employes have already been laid off in the 103d St. plant. One and two-day layoffs are becoming more and more frequent in departments and even whole divisions. And there are very few workers who have been getting in a sixth working day.

All signs in the plant and in the country show the danger of a growing unemployment which cannot simply be passed off as a momentary thing.

Terry Kandel, former president of Local 719 and one of the leaders of the Progressive Caucus, took issue with Downey's report and described how unemployment affected toolmakers and other workers in Chicago. He said that it was time for the trade union movement to launch a fight for a 30-hour week with 40 hours pay as one way in which more workers could be kept on the job.

Ed Klinger, another member of the Progressive Caucus, introduced a resolution proposing a plan of action on unemployment. The resolution described the growing unemployment in the country pointing to the fact that some 5,000,000 people were already out of work and that another 12,000,000 workers were on part time from one to four days a week.

PROPOSE PROGRAM

The resolution stated that the trade unions must assume responsibility for conducting a fight to keep its members on the job. It called for action on the local and legislative front to provide greater benefits for workers who are thrown out of their jobs.

The program proposed by Klinger called for:

(1) A 30-hour week with 40-hours pay.

(2) A coordinated campaign for the 30-hour week by the UAW and national CIO.

(3) A campaign against all forms of speedup.

(4) The setting up of a local union Unemployment Committee to assist laid off members in getting compensation and additional welfare should they need it and to direct them to any possible job openings.

The resolution called for legislative action to:

(1) Establish public works projects at union wages.

(2) Increase unemployment compensation in the state to $40 a week for 52 weeks.

(3) Extend Unemployment Compensation under the GI Bill of Rights for Veterans and increase the payments to $40 weekly.

In order to put pressure on Congress and the state governments to enact this legislation, the resolution called for action by national CIO to organize a one-day work holiday.

Bob Voss, UAW International Representative, and Downey answered the introduction of the resolution with the charge that it came straight from the Daily Worker. They urged the members at the meeting to vote against it on the grounds that it was "communistic." Neither offered any other constructive proposals on unemployment. Instead they appealed to the "Americanism" of Local 719 members to reject the resolution.

Since the only issue raised in opposition to the resolution was that Communists favored the kind of program proposed, Klinger suggested that perhaps all non-Communists stop eating because he understood that Communists believed in eating three meals a day.

The final vote on the resolution was 53 for and 63 against. The 10 vote margin which defeated a positive program for action on unemployment was brought about only because of hysterical redbaiting substituting for calm reasoning.

Even some supporters of the right wing leadership supported the resolution because they recognized that something must be done about unemployment now.

GM's Giving Us the Business

To the Editor:

Anti-labor pamphlets in hundreds of thousands of copies were doled out in series to all General Motors workers when the corporation recently installed the so-called "Information Racks."

These "Information Racks" are fastened on walls in the plants and offices and contain—free for the taking—booklets and pamphlets which deal with such subjects as safety, health, food, economics, better-living, opportunities in the automotive business, money-saving kitchen hints, non-technical books on industrial development of various GM manufacturing units, and other information about GM.

Durig the past two months, the subject matter has emphasized the economic side. In quick series, pamphlets came out written by Henry J. Taylor, GM radio commentator.

A careful reading of his radio broadcasts shows that Taylor aims to tie the workers to the war-making policies of the big corporations of this country. He does not hide the fact that the war aims are principally directed against the Soviet Union, and adds that trained American troops—on a large scale" should be put in China.

By various forms of deception, Taylor tries to make the worker's interests identical with those of the owners of industry. He states, for example, that the miner and the machinist "are in business and that his interests are the same as his boss'."

Taylor was awarded the Alfred I. duPont Radio Commentator Award last year. DuPont is one of the chief GM stockholders.

A GM DIESEL WORKER



AFL Withdraws from Raid on 453 Unit

By An American Car & Foundry Worker

CHICAGO.—Once again in the AFL Railroad Carmen's Union was forced to give up its attempt to raid the American Car and Foundry unit of UAW-CIO Local 453. The AFL withdrew its petition for an NLRB election to take the members out of the UAW.

In 1944, the Carmen's Union, which has jimcrow locals in St. Louis and New Orleans, tried to get ACF workers to leave Local 453. They were soundly beaten then in a consent election by 20 to 1.

Last spring, when the leaders of the UAW local were beginning wage negotiaitons with the company, the AFL organizers showed up again. This time they gave out with plenty of money for whiskey and beer in an attempt to bribe ACF workers.

The phony union leaders passed out leaflets daily during negotiation to disrupt the wage talks. This encouraged the company to stall and bluff and refuse to make an offer for settlement. Because of the company's attitude and the connivance of the AFL, American Car workers went on strike. That strike lasted for 13 weks with little aid from other sources outside of members of other units of the local. Jim Veal, presently shop chairman of the Maremont Spring shop, was shot by a scab during the strike.

Despite everything the company did and despite the back stabbing of the AFL, the workers in ACF held fast and won their strike.

For the third time since 1944 the Carmen's Union stepped into the picture again at a time when Local 453 was involved in contract negotiations. This time the AFL felt that it could use the Taft-Hartley Act to its advantage. The raiders spread the word that since the local had not complied with the Yellow Dog "Anti-Communist" affidavits that the local was through as a bargaining agent for the workers.

They got some of the former scabs to sign cards to present as evidence to the NLRB that an election should be held.

Meanwhile the regional office of the international union intervened to tell the workers that the only way they could remain with UAW was to pull out of Local 453. Local members told Pete Watson, UAW representative that if the regional office wanted to protect the interests of UAW, they would have to help Local 453 and not try to split the workers away.

The American Car and Foundry workers rallied around their progressive leadership and strengthened their unit organization. They expressed complete confidence in their local union and determined to fight the raids which were threatened by the AFL and the internal threats by elements supporting UAW Regional Director Pat Greethouse.

The AFL withdraw its petition for an election in face of the solidarity expressed by the workers in the plant.

'Incentive Plan' Gyps Men at U. S. Steel Of $500 Yearly

HOMESTEAD

Dear Editor:

The men in the table crew of the 100-inch furnace mill are just waking up to the fact that U. S. Steel is robbing them of close to $500 dollars a year by its tricky "incentive law."

Here's how they figure:

They receive 1949 wages only on part of the slabs they turn out. Of this, they put out 280 five pass slabs with 45 changes. They receive '49 rate on these. For all slabs over 280, the pay is figured on the old 1937 rate.

So a depiler operator gets $1.25 and hour for the first 280 slabs for an eight-hour turn. Over the 280 slab output per turn, he gets only 62½ cents an hour. He gets the 1949 wage only on part of the steel they turn out. **But all the slabs he produces gets sold at 1949 prices!**

The average trick worked in 1949 amounted to 11 pay hours. So the guys in the 100-inch mill are losing $1.89 a day or about $500 a year. For not one penny won by the union since 1937 has gone to raise the incentive rate.

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Union's Own T-H Law Humiliates Steelworkers

PITTSBURGH

Dear Editor:

A discussion on the wage demands of the steelworkers union in the coming negotiations is out of order.

That's what the grievance man from zone 10 of Local 1272, CIO United Steelworkers, at the South Side works of the J & L said at the last meeting of the local union, April 14.

Another point which has the men wondering. There was an election of a delegate to the state convention of the CIO. The executive board comes into the meeting with a pledge that they asked the three candidates to take: that they didn't belong to any subversive organization working against the interests of the nation or the principles of the union.

Imagine workers having to stand up and be humiliated by this kind of baloney, real insults actually. This is the steelworkers' Taft-Hartley and stinks to high heaven.

J&L OPEN HEARTH WORKER

Strike Provoked by American Forge Co.

CHICAGO.—Workers at American Forge, members of UAW-CIO Amalgamated Local 453 found out that the Taft-Hartley Act can be used to smash a strike in short order. And only the boss is the winner.

Last March 24, after a series of provocations, the company fired shop chairman Frank Kelly. For months the company had refused to negotiate on grievances, insisting that they all be taken to arbitration and then stalling the arbitration proceedings so that, in effect, no grievances were being settled.

Workers were being intimidated by company foremen and one in particular, Ray Thiern, was high-handed in his actions.

The firing of Kelly topped off the actions taken by the company against the union and the men in the plant walked out in a body on the day Kelly was discharged.

When American Forge found that it was unable to break the ranks of the strikers, the company went into court and asked for an injunction to stop all picketing and all strike activities. They threatened to sue all individual officers, stewards and committeemen on the grounds that the strike violated the Taft-Hartley law.

Confident that they could get the injuncton, the company insisted that the union agree to the discharge of Lrank Kelly and two additional committeeman, George Adams and Walter Ferguson.

The union members refused to settle on such terms but because of the leeway given the company by the Taft-Hartley law, decided after three weeks, to end their walkout after the company agreed to reinstate Adams and Ferguson, fired during the strike, and to submit Kelly's case to speedy arbitration.

The workers returned to their jobs united and determined to strengthen their union in the coming wage negotiations beginning June 14.

As for the Taft-Hartley law, American Forge workers are all out for repeal—but quick.

Unemployment UP Again In Illinois

CHICAGO. — Unemployment increased in Illinois in the month of February, State Labor Department figures released last week indicated.

Frank Annunzio, state director of labor, said the decline began in January and that by by mid-February 44,300 more workers were added to the unemployed rolls, a decline of 1.4 percent over the January figure.

He said the decline took place in all manufacturing industries, in the production of automobiles, electrical machinery, lumber products and furniture and leather and leather products.

Payrolls in the Chicago area were down 2.7 percent in February, with average weekly earnings down from $59.81 in January to $59.44 in February.

The Industrial Page of this issue of The Illinois Worker is devoted to the auto industry this week.

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The fighting Councilman from Manhattan, who is also a defendant in the trial of the Communist leaders, announces his intention to seek reelection.

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China, Berlin and the Peace

An Editorial

While the Liberation Armies carry out Mao Tse-tung's Order of the Day, a Communist spokesman predicts sure victory, then swift industrialization.

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There were plenty of misrepresentations about the Paris Peace Congress, but the sessions produced a solid list of achievements for peace.

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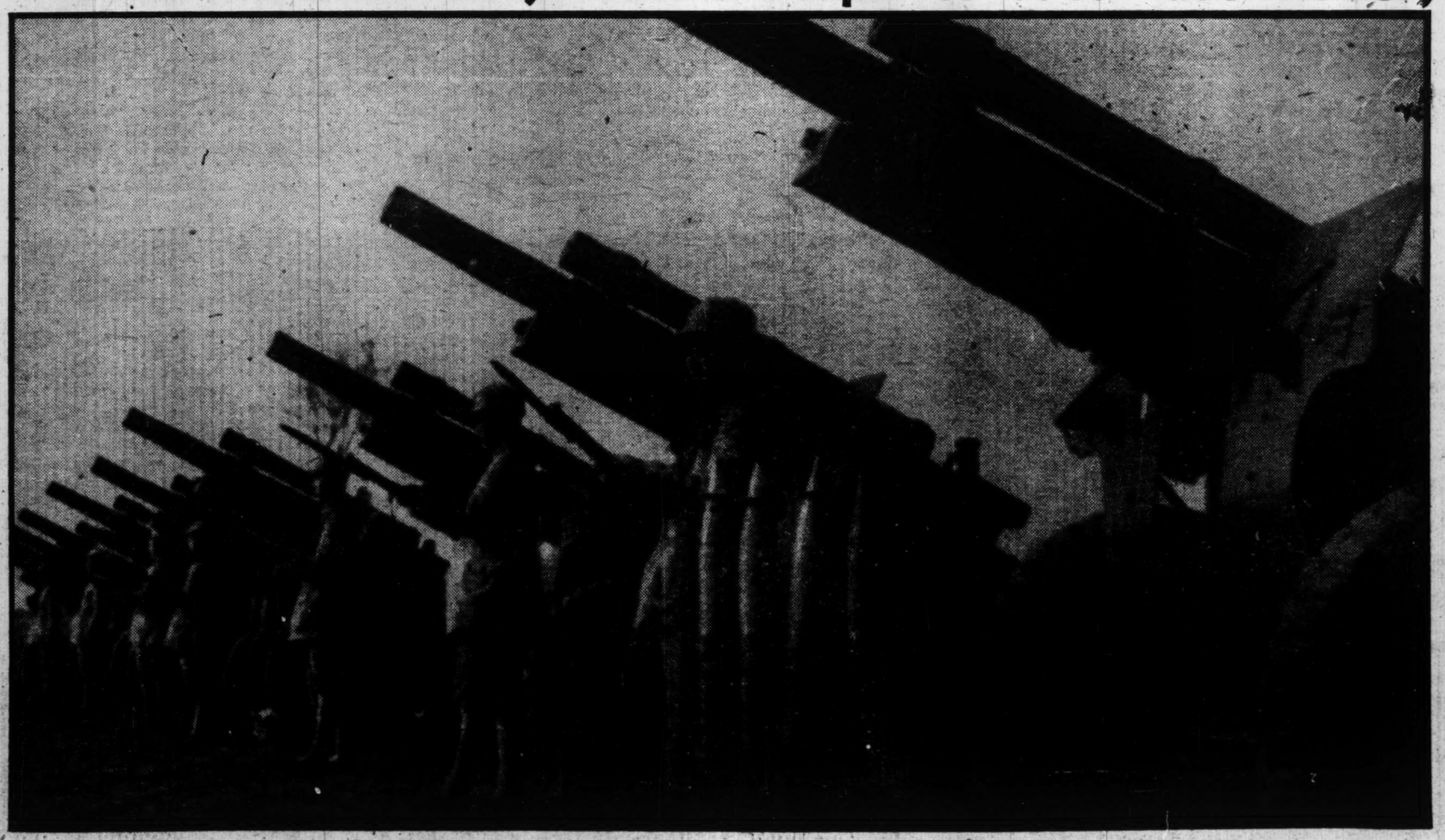
End the Cold War

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Chinese Liberation Army Unit with Captured U. S. Made Artillery



A mechanized unit of the Eastern China People's Liberation Army with U. S.-made heavy artillery captured from Kuomintang troops.

A School a Week--Not an Atom Bomb!

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Carl Ross, Communist endorsed candidate for school board is boldly exposing those who clamor for large "cold war" expenditures at the expense of Minneapolis' municipal needs.

With no mayoralty candidate speaking on the real issues before the people in the school board election, the Ross candidacy offers an opportunity to cast a vote for peace, good jobs and good schools.



Although Minneapolis primary elections are to be held May 9 and there are seven candidates to fill three school board opsts, Ross stands as the only candidate who has sharply exposed the shameful school conditions and brought these issues before the people.

"We need to build a school a week, not an atom bomb a week," Ross declared.

Ross' campaign is being put before the people under the slogan of: "Schools not Battleships!" No More Slum Schools for Workers Children!" "Put the Cold War Billions to Work for the Peoples' Welfare!" "Emergency Federal Aid to the Schools."

The inexorable logic of a war program is war, Ross points out. If such a war is to be carried on it must necessarily be waged against the Soviet Union and other people's democracies. The very nature of such a war will lead to the destruction of democracy at home.

Ross contends that the people of Minneapolis, as all democratic peoples, are opposed to war and are for a greater extension of our democratic rights here at home.

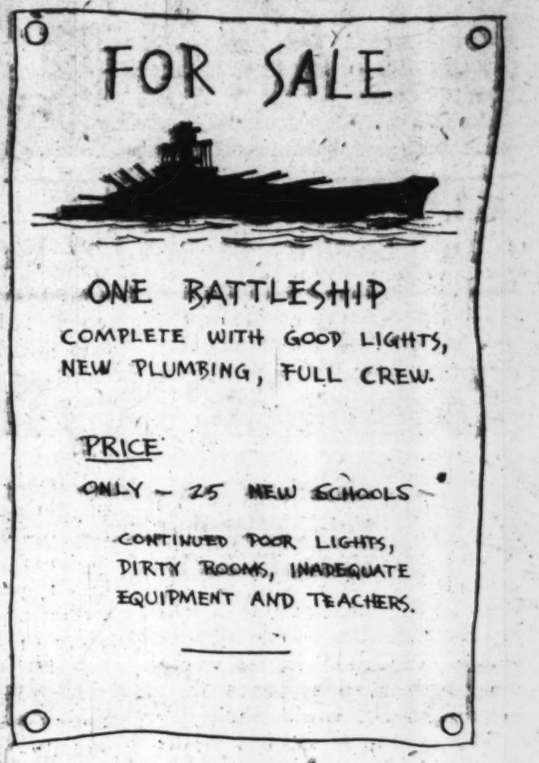
"There is no better place to start," Ross stated, "than by tearing down the slum schools and building modern schools for all children. The people must decide now whether their children will become soldiers for war or students for democracy."

Weeks of maneuver in labor and city political circles have produced three leading contenders for the office of Mayor, Hoyer, Simmons and Swanson, but not one of them stands on a people's platform or arouses the enthusiasm of rank and file voters who want progressive leadership.

Labor and DFL forces are split in the Simmons and Hoyer camps with the extreme right-wing ADA group backing Simmons and the bulk of labor-progressives backing Hoyer. But the best progressives can say for Hoyer is that he came from labor's ranks and probably would not be a strikebreaker.

Progressive Party adherents generally believe they have no mayoralty candidate to vote for in this primary and could not back Hoyer unless progressive-left groups in that camp unite and secure concessions in terms of program.

The situation reflects the breakdown of old political alignments and the complete shattering of the AFL political unity once dominant in city politics. It shows that a new progressive political alignment has not yet been brought about and will only grow out of a struggle for program and principle.



COMMUNIST OBJECTIVES

—An Editorial—

Last week anti-Communism and war hysteria almost blacked out the Bill of Rights in Minnesota.

The Memmer "loyalty" bill was an effort to accomplish by legislative decree exactly the same things as the frameup of the 12 Communist leaders operating behind a facade of legal court procedure.

It was in truth the "companion bill" to the indictment of the Communist leaders, but was intended to anticipate the trial verdict by many weeks by already declaring the Communists "guilty" and outlawing their party.

If any persons doubt now that outlawing of the Communist Party by Judge Medina's court would also outlaw the Bill of Rights they should reflect upon the sweeping implications they recognized in the outlawing of the same party by the Memmer Bill.

Those who rallied against the Memmer Bill should now plunge into the even more significant drive against the "hersey trial" of the 12.

The fight against the Memmer Bill was weakened by those who opposed the bill and yet echoed the "big lie" upon which it was based. Those like Clen Peterson, state president of the CIO, and most members of the House liberal bloc, who spoke out against the bill contributed to its defeat.

But they also echoed and helped to perpetuate the lies of a Communist "menace" and Communist "foreign agents" on which reaction counted to pass the measure.

The warmly received testimony of Robert Kelly, war veteran and Communist leader at the Memmer bill hearing punctured those lies by reciting the real record of the Communists and demonstrating the loyalty of the Communists to the best interests of the American people as against the interests of the clique of ruling monopolies who strive to plunge our country into aggressive imperialist war.

The hundreds of non-Communist liberals and progressives who fought the Memmer bill without taking over the red-baiting of its author certainly deserve a special vote of thanks from the citizens of Minnesota.

Some of them, as Mrs. Lawrence Steefel of the Progressive Party put it, believe that Communist ideas should be opposed and proven wrong by extending democracy and social reforms.

We Communists can only say that if Mrs. Steefel is right than the Communists have for thirty years been trying to put themselves out of business by championing every advance of democratic and labor rights and every advance of social reform.

The difference is that Communists see reaction and fascism striving to destroy those gains and believe they will never be secure under capitalism.

Communists believe that an eventual majority of the American people will agree that only the abolition of capitalism and establishment of Socialism will end the round of wars, fascism and economic crisis that capitalism breeds.

Reaction

An indication of the attitude of the reactionary members of the state legislature towards leigislation which would have been of some small benefit to the people were clearly expressed of one of Mr. Memmer's cohorts who during the debate of the Memmer police-state bill shouted, "Everything else we have discussed here during the last 90 days is trivial, it means nothing — only this bill (Memmer Bill) is important."

Legislature Acts—for Trusts; People Get the Brush Off

ST. PAUL, Minn.—The 1949 session of the Minnesota legislature adjourned here April 25 with little contributed to the welfare of the people, but with the steel trust and other wealthy corporations spared from shouldering their share of the tax load.

The 90 days allowed by the constitution for passing bills in the biennial session ran out at midnight, April 20. With clocks covered to pretend it was still April 20, legislators, in the four ensuing days, enacted a veterans' bonus, a school aid bill and Gov. Youngdahl's mental health program.

Payment of the bonus, for which the voters had given a mandate in the 1948 election, was stalled to last as the Republican majority resisted all proposals for revenue raising measures levying on those best able to pay.

They succeeded in putting over additional sales taxes on cigarettes and liquor, and a $5 head tax per person to pay for the bonus, under which vets will collect $400 maximum payments.

The "liberal" block, lacking even one militant voice, made no effort to mobilize labor and public support to break the grip of the reactionaries.

High point in mobilization of the people came in opposition to the Memmer police state bill. Announcement of the proposed thought-control bill was greeted by a state-wide wire and letter campaign of opposition.

A hearing on the bill before the House Judiciary Committee brought out 500 defenders of civil rights, representing a broad coalition of forces, the Communist Party, labor, Progressive Party, church and civic groups.

Closing days Senate action was blocked by mass protest including a mass demonstration on the Capitol steps and effective lobbying among Senators. While the Youngdahl program for treating the mentally ill is constructive as far as it goes, it diverted attention from many more basic problems. The net failure of the legislature to meet these issues has marked many solons for defeat in 1950.

Voted down was the bill to establish a fair employment practices commission, the bill to repeal the old age lien law, and labor bills to repeal anti-secondary boycott and union suability laws were shelved.

Farmers Wary of Brannan's Price Program

By Clarence Sharp

SISSETON, S. D.—Most farmers in this area believe Secretary of Agriculture Brannan's proposed new farm program is an Administration concession to the farmers' demand for protection from economic ruination. Farmers have made it clear they do not want the flexible provisions of the present Aikin-Hope law.

Brannan's proposals are also seen by Progressives as—a shrewdly designed gesture to consolidate farm support behind the administration, especially to win farm support for the war program.

Labor's experience with the administration's desertion of the fight to repeal the Taft-Hartley law, the fact that a real farm program comes into the sharpest conflict with Truman's "cold war" policy is causing many farmers to wonder if the Brannan farm program proposals are more demogogic promises.

The billions required for the stepped up "cold war" program virtually make it impossible to find money necessary to finance a farm program to protect farmers from ruination.

It is necessary to defeat the war program if there is to be a real farm program which will protect farmers from economic destruction. That this fact is being widely realized by farmers is evidenced by opposition expressed to the North Atlantic pact by the leadership of the Minnesota Farmers Union and also the national organization in their recent conference as well as by other expressions of widespread opposition to the pact among farmers.

Brannan's new farm program undoubtedly is an improvement over the Aikin-Hope law especially in that subsidy proposals offers some guarantees of minimum farm income and it would stimulate consumer buying of farm products through lower market prices. At the same time it would be incorrect to consider it if enacted as a real solution for all of the problems confronting farmers.

Its crop reduction features would work a real hardship on millions of small farmers and give greatest benefits to larger operaters. The proposals are made dependent upon finances available.

Consideration should be given to the Communist party and other progressives' proposals of exempting small farmers from crop reduction to obtain income supports and of siphoning off the benefits to the large farmers through steeply graduated income taxes on subsidies paid to the big producers.

Moreover, a farm program dealing with income supports alone is wholly inadequate to meet the problems confronting the farmers.

Farmers need protection from the vultures of the farm machinery, oil and other monopolies who succeeded in siphoning off most of the farmers' wartime gains.

They badly need a program of Federal low cost, long-term credits to enable tenant farmers, youth and farm wage workers to become owners and to expand their operations to where they can have a decent standard of living.

Right now when subsoil moisture is very low and rain absent over millions of acres in the Upper Midwest it is evident that farmers need a real and adequate program of crop insurance.

The extremely high operating costs of today accompanied with a severe drought would confront thousands of farmers with ruin. Housing, modernization of homes, health facilities remain backward, even barbaric in many farm communities.

Without, the defeat of the "cold war" program of the administration, farmers have little hope of arresting the sharp decline in their economic status. Truman's economic adviser Dr. Nourse stated the alternatives in his speech in the Pentagon building a few weeks ago, "guns or butter."

Raise $3,000 Before May 10

Workers, farmers, students and professional men and women throughout Minnesota and the Dakotas have responded as never before in raising funds to defend the 12 courageous leaders who are fighting the forces of reaction in the Foley Square courtroom.

The same spirit of militancy and determination to save the people's civil and democratic rights was reflected in the struggle against the Memmem police-state bill.

But we cannot relax one moment now in the struggle against those who are conspiring for another war and who desperately continue their efforts to drive our nation to fascism.

Every dollar counts in the defense of the 12! Every dollar guarantees that The Worker will reach the people of our nation each week!

We appeal to all readers of The Worker to help raise the $3,000 that are needed to fulfill our goal of $12,500 by May 10. If every reader will contribute or help raise money from friends, this goal can be achieved.

Send your contributions to Martin Mackie, Chairman, Fund Drive, 324 Hennepin Ave., Room 801, Minnepalis 1, Minn.

In Memoriam

RUTH HOROWITZ

May 5, 1921 March 4, 1949

Her life and her strength were given to the most beautiful thing in the world — the struggle for the freedom of mankind.

Progressives Spark Fight To Defeat the Memmer Bill

By Carl Ross

The most dramatic and important political battle in Minnesota since Nov. 2 was the opposition movement that defeated the Memmer police state bill.

The public protests, mass turnout for the hearings and lobbying against outlawing the Bill of Rights found the leadership of the right-led CIO, the left-progressive CIO unions, the Progressive Party, Farmers Union, Minneapolis AFL Central Labor Union, hundreds of University of Minnesota faculty members, many student organizations, the Civil Rights Congress and the Communist Party aligned against the forces of reaction.

The impact of this combination of forces buried the bill in the Senate. Undoubtedly reaction found little comfort in House passage of the bill.

For once, they were confronted with a solid opposition and militant battle from the usually weak-kneed and ineffectual "liberal" minority and the defection of 10 Republican votes leading to the relatively narrow 72 to 54 House passage.

The labor and progressive movement which suffered defeat after defeat on issues such as the bonus, iron ore taxation, etc., can well ponder over this lesson. And particularly let them note that responsibility for division in the ranks of labor and lack of similar joint action on these issues lies at the door of the ADA-Humphrey political crowd and the right-wing CIO leaders.

There were those who advised progressives "Don't do anything to antagonize the Legislature by mass action and 'left' participation. We will guarantee that the Governor will veto the Memmer bill if only you don't do anything."

This kind of talk was rank defeatism that would have doomed the bill to passage and placed reliance on the good graces of Governor Youngdahl, whose political mentor, Harold Stassen, took the lead last summer in demanding outlawing of the Communist Party. It served only to immobilize trade union and other participation.

To be sure it was important that some, including liberal Republicans, interceded with the Governor, but at the heart of the broad anti-Memmer coalition was the initiative and fighting spirit of the progressive and left forces, who at the outset saw the need for a broad coalition. They raised an immediate urgent alarm that caused Representative Memmer to declare on the floor of the House that within 48 hours after introduction of the bill an analysis was being circulated and hundreds of telegrams poured in from "every nook and cranny" of the state.

Sen. Hubert Humphrey, Rep. Blatnik, Minneapolis mayoralty candidate John Simmons nor the ADA uttered one public word against the bill. It was not they who aroused the anger of thousands of Minnesota workers, formers, students and teachers.

The progressives were the spark-plug. And for that very reason the progressives and left forecs were not isolated as reaction had hoped.

As such it was highly in order that the last word in the battle should have been spoken by a demonstration of progressive-led veteran and labor forces on the Capitol steps and button-holing of Senators at the zero hour of the last day.

Wage Strikes Point Up Demands For Better Living Standards

By Martin Mackie

If there were any doubts that workers are deeply dissatisfied with their living standards, they are dispelled by the militancy with which a number of small strike struggles are being carried on locally and by the substantial demands that are being made, particularly by the AFL building trades in Minneapolis.

Workers, wherever there is any leadership given, are rejecting management's line that this is no time to seek wage increases. The echoing of such a line by major top labor leaders nationally has not stopped the movement for a fourth round. Management's claims that a no-wage-increase policy would assure employment is given the lie daily as workers are laid off at the slightest hint that further production might endanger the millions of accumulated profits.

Negotiations are under way in the building tratles as the season approaches its top level. Demands in Minneapolis include: lathers, 15 cents; plumbers and steamfitters, 15 cents; cement finishers, 25 cents; sheet metal workers, 42 cents; building laborers, 25 cents.

Northern Minnesota's timber workers are demanding 20 cents an hour and packing workers, in a recent district convention, urged the national officers of this CIO union to fight for a substantial wage increase. While the CIO Steelworkers' national leadership has been very quiet about wages, there is widespread dissatisfaction among miners of the Iron Range and steel workers of Duluth with such a policy.

Militancy of workers can be estimated by the solidarity of picket lines at Butler Mfg. (UE-CIO Local 1139) and at McQuay (UAW-CIO) in Minneapolis. Solidarity and militancy of Teamsters (AFL) in Minneapolis won wage gains for them. Significant in these strikes was that, despite



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thousands of unemployed, attempts at scabbing were negligible.

The Honeywell Local 1145, UE-CIO, having won a 7¾ cents package increase, can, under the provisions of the settlement, begin negotiations for a further wage increase on May 15.

Moline Locals, Minneapolis UE 1128 and Hopkins UE 1146, are scheduled to go into early negotiations with the company. Moline workers would do well to join hands with the Farm Equipment workers on their 25-cent increase demands.

Many workers are asking if the Honeywell settlement will set a pattern for current and forthcoming UE negotiations or whether more substantial gains and bigger wage settlements can be won. There is no doubt most Honeywell workers take the view this can be done by their reopener.

Key to the situation is a concerted and united UE wage fight locally.

There should be no delay in implementing the call of the UE District Council meeting of April 2 for local area wage conferences. This is needed to carry out the local joint unity pact of UE locals of last January and the more recent wage decision of the Twin City UE conference on welfare problems.

Present negotiations conducted by locals 1139 and 1140 in dozens of small shops are yet a one-by-one process even in very similar shops where joint consultation on wages and conditions is needed.

Responsibility for this lack of unity rests squarely on the shoulders of the right-wing leaders of 1140 who thus disregard the sentiments of their own members.

Discontent with this procedure is widespread in 1140 shops and would burst out in a militant movement if given real rank and file leadership.

It is also increasingly clear that shop workers view the question of across the board wage increases and guarantee of a living "take home" wage each week despite cuts in hours as the big issues.

The Murray-Reuther line of pensions and insurance as a substitute for cash increases run contrary to this rank and file opinion regarding basic issues.

Rank and file leadership for a militant battle for wages and unity in this struggle keynotes the Communists' call for bringing home the bacon in the fourth round battle that is now on.

Atlantic War Pact, Wallace Topic at May 6th Meeting

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—While local papers take every opportunity to parade the Atlantic Military Alliance under the guise of wresting the world from the throes of Communism while actually abetting imperialist aims, the peace and abundance program of Henry A. Wallace's campaign takes on a new light.

Today we face the choice of peace and abundance of war and deprivation. Many Minnesotans question the Atlantic Pact and the manner in which the Marshall Plan has worked in European countries. Now they can have those questions answered directly.

On May 6, Wallace accompanied by guests from four foreign lands will speak in the Minneapolis Armory on the Pact and the effects of the Marshall Plan.

Mimi Sverdup Lunden, Norwegian author, teacher and woman leader will answer questions put by the audience along with H. Lester Hutchinson, labor member of the British House of Commons; Pierre Cot, independent member of the French House of Deputies; and Michele Giu, Left Socialist member of the Italian Senate.

Wallace is scheduled to devote the major portion of his time to an explanation of why the stepping up of the "cold war" while at the same time Taft-Hartley repeal, civil rights legislation and housing programs are being sidetracked and ignored.

UE Leaders Review Bleak Record of 81st Congress

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—The dismal record in the first 100 days of the 81st Congress was held up to critical examination by the joint executive boards of Twin Cities locals of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, April 21.

The meeting also stressed the need for united action and coordination in the current wage drive.

Roy Wier, Congressman from Minnesota's Third District, spoke on the Taft-Hartley repeal fight now going on on the floor of the House. He warned of a tight battle and the possibility that Taft-Hartley supporters will continue efforts to put over the Wood Bill, which would continue the slave-labor law under a new name.

Ernest De Maio, president of the UE District Council, told the union board members that the delegations previously elected by the locals will be called to Washington immediately to visit Congressmen on T-H repeal and other issues.

"With the economy gutted by profiteering and the dumping of billions in the rat-holes of reaction in China, Greece and Turkey, no realistic appraisal can conclude that we can prevent depression," said De Maio, stressing the need for pushing the wage drive vigorously.

"When the bottom drops out, we've got to see that the people aren't squeezed to death in the depression wringer."

Letters from Readers

By S. K. Davis

Yellowed photos of Minneapolis' Nicollet Ave. when it was a muddy cowpath are being looked at with awe and amusement. Reviews of the past are a part of Minnesota's current centennial celebration.

We will not be around, but 100 years from now our grandchildren may re-read our letters that appear in this column. They will shake their heads in wonder at the simple aims for which the people of 1948 strove and what hardship and suffering accompanied the achievement of those aims.

One story we received was from a worker in the Coolerator plant in Duluth. They make electric refrigerators. Hundreds there are walking the streets, jobless. There are not enough customers for Coolerators because 8,000,000 are either not working or are partially employed. Those that are working have a time paying rent and buying enough food, let alone buying new iceboxes.

We have to explain this, so that 100 years from now they'll understand somewhat this great system of individual enterprise.

This letter from a Coolerator worker tells about the anguish he went through to get his wife and new-born child out of a hospital because he did not have any money. It's a blessing the infant could not understand.

The wife overheard the hospital manager insisting her husband pay the hospital bill before taking her and the child home. She said to him:

"Didn't you tell them you were just laid off and you'd pay when you got the money? Surely they realize what a layoff means. Wouldn't they take even $25 until you got back to work?"

"Mary, I didn't want to worry you while you were in the hospital, but we haven't got 25 bucks. We have exactly $3 until I get my first compensation check and it will take at least a buck and a half to get us back home. I'm not going to take you out of a hospital bed on a bus. You need rest."

As the parents with the newborn babe made their way to the hospital exit, the hospital manager insisted:

"We really must have some sort of payment."

Jim brushed him to one side and guided Mary toward the door. "Send me a bill sometime, Mr. Higgens, but don't rush doing it. If the Coolerator company doesn't hire me back soon, I'll be on relief anyway. Come on Mary, let's go home."

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Just existing is quite a problem in 1949 despite the fact that fields are sown by airplane and reaped with wonderful labor-saving machinery, and, believe it or not, the great worry of the time was **OVERPRODUCTION.**

Lena, a farmer's wife, writes to this column: "Hot school lunches, which were such a blessing during the Roosevelt administration, is getting to be a burden on the low income group. When hot lunches first started they cost about 75 cents a month. Now, when farm income is going down, the lunches cost from $2 to $3 a month." And, Lena adds, school taxes have almost doubled, from 39 mills to 68 mills.

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And if the reader of this column celebrating Minnesota's bicentennial in the year 2049 wonders why we didn't use Lena's last name, we explain that in the year 1949 the country was engulfed in a wave of reaction resembling that which took place in Germany at the time of Hitler's rise to power.

We explain further that people who dreamed and struggled for a better life not only for themselves but for others were suspect in the eyes of the Truman administration and to write openly to such a paper as The Worker was regarded as a crime by the Trumans, Medinas, Clarks and Memmers of that day.

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To the Editor:

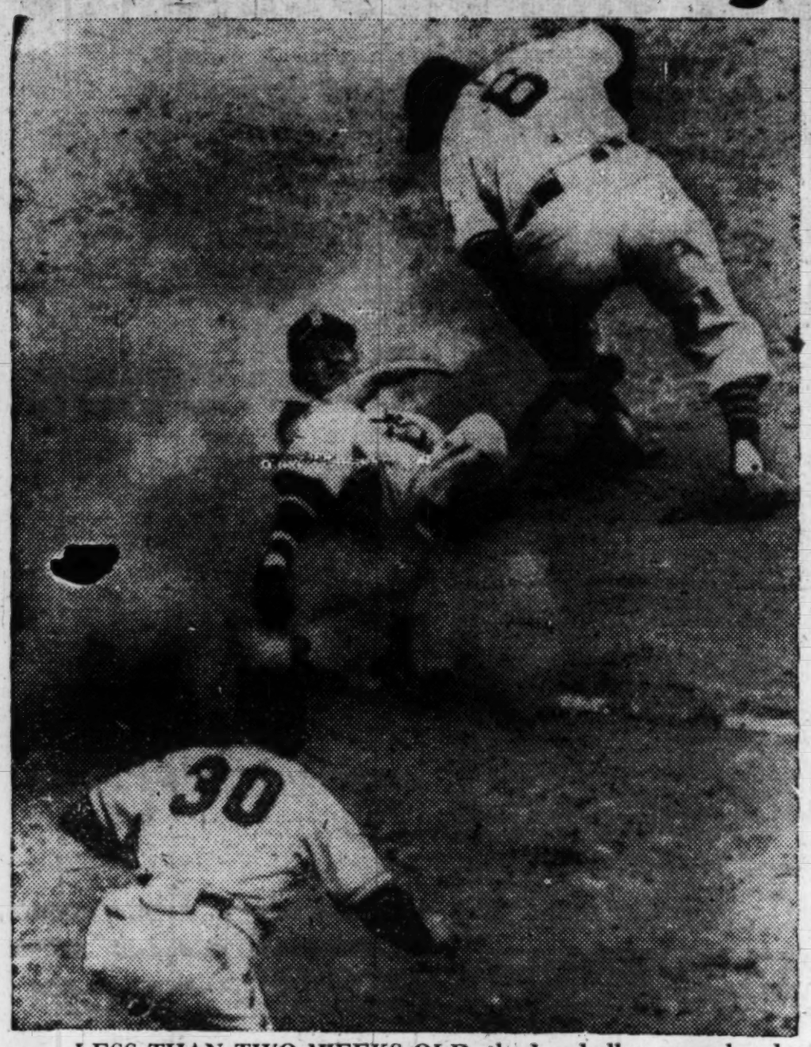
President Murray of the Steelworkers seems to have surrendered leadership of the CIO, and the disease has spread to Steel representatives. We took up with one of the representatives a minor grievance, one that could easily have been won with a little firmness.

Before the meeting with the company, the Steel representative stated that he would take the matter up. The meeting ended, but the representative was silent on the grievance. After the meeting the workers demanded an explanation.

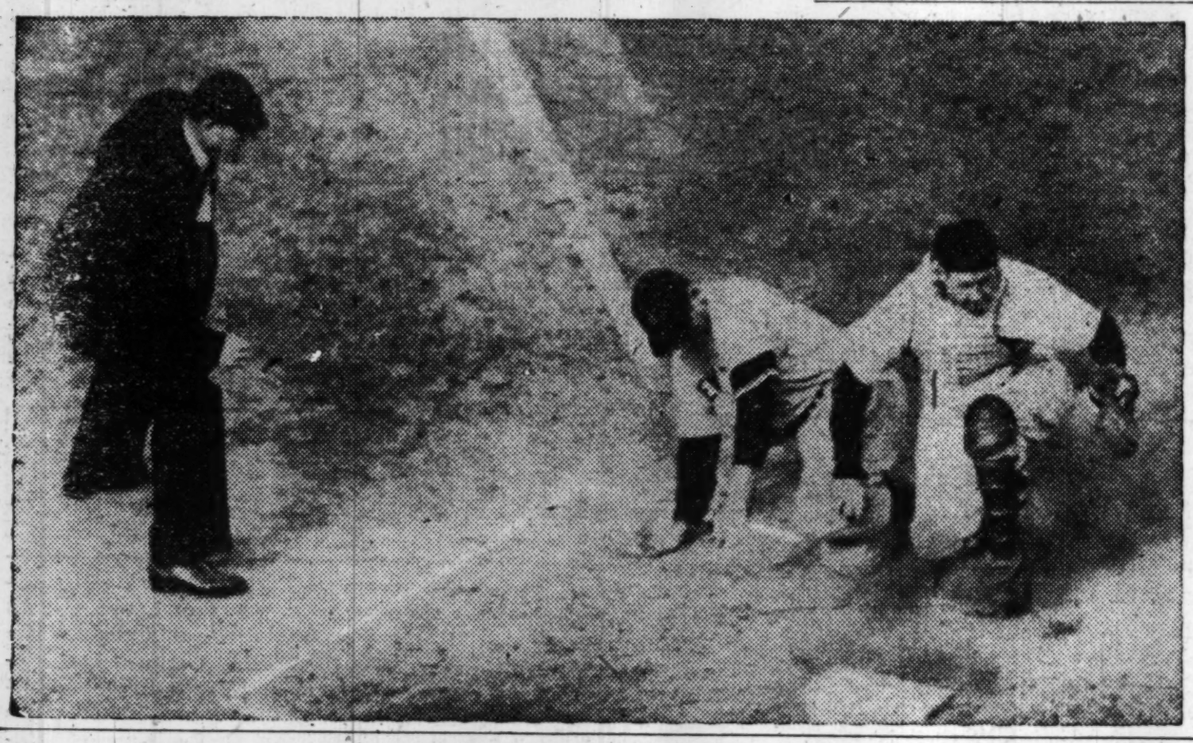
The miners will recognize who I am writing about from the answer that he gave, which was "It was a losing fight—I'll never start a fight I know I'm going to lose. It only pays to fight when you know you're going to win."

The workers were plenty disgusted and let him know in no uncertain terms. A MINER.

Off and Running!



LESS THAN TWO WEEKS OLD, the baseball season already has the fans buzzing with surprising showings all up and down the leagues. A new crop of postwar youngsters are breaking into the lineups and speeding up the baserunning – Coleman, Yanks; Merriman, Reds; Abrams, Dodgers; Groth, Tigers; Jones, Phils; Glaviano, Cards, and others.



WORKER Sports

Stan the Man Was Steelworker

Stan Musial, now generally considered baseball's greatest all-round star, is well remembered as a steel worker in his home town of Donora, Pa. Early in his professional career, Stan would play ball during the summer and work at the American Steel and Wire Company's Zinc Works during the off season. (This outfit was temporarily shut down after the smog descended on Donora last winter.)

Musial was selected as rookie of the year just six years ago. He'll be 29 next November. The left-handed hitting and throwing Stan had an early ambition to be a pitcher, but a shoulder injury forced him to give it up and take up outfielding, and hitting! His .376 last season was typical.

This is the opposite of the career of Red Ruffing, ex-Yankee great. Red started out as a slugging young outfielder, but when his big toe was crushed, limiting his running ability, he took to the mound.

On the Score Board

By Lester Rodney



Hanging Out the Weekend Wash

IT'S REALLY TOO early in the season to do any generalizing, and I haven't seen a single Western club yet, but sports writers rush in where Joe Starobin and George Morris fear to tread, so. . . .

Anyone who says **"The Giants can't go anywhere because they've got the same team as last year" isn't** talking sense. They have the same NAMES, but not the same **players.**

Bob Thompson has relaxed his too rigid attempt to copy DiMaggio's batting stance and is a tremendously improved batsman, making Leo Durocher look good for putting him first and foremost on the "untouchable" list when trade talk was going around.

Clint Hartung is one year advanced along that painful path by which a talented athlete who can throw the ball a mile a minute becomes a pitcher instead of a thrower.

Sid Gordon just became a regular well after the 1948 season started. Though he is already 30, he is for the first time a solidly set ballplayer.

Finally the team is smarter with Durocher, Frisch and Fitzsimmons working steadily on inside baseball and helping especially such things as pitching, baserunning, defensive cut-offs, hit and runs, et al. I'm not at all unhappy about my second place prediction for this ballclub. Brother Mize starts loosening up in earnest along about July. In fact, if pitchers Jones and Kennedy swing into line I may start worrying about having put this explosive club one peg too low!

BY THE WAY, in case you haven't noticed the International League boxscores, the Negro players signed by the Giants are playing regularly with Jersey City. Hank Thompson, the talented young second baseman-outfielder, has been shifted to shortstop, an interesting move. Outfielder Monte Irvin is banging the ball as expected. Over at Newark, the Yankees are keeping an eye on young Frank Austin, rangy, hard-hitting young shortstop who has more big league possibilities than Art, Wilson, the man Veeck snatched out of their mitts.

FAIL TO FALL in with all the furore about the Phils. **Much improved as they are, and with clear signs of further improvement to come, they simply do not have a first division pitching staff as yet. The young bonus phenoms like Roberts, Simmons and Bicknell are all uneven, the unfortunate result of the ruling that forbids them needed minor league experience. Name one Philly pitcher who will win 15 games.**

EARLY PREDICTIONS AND COMMENTS: Jack Banta of Brooklyn will wind up the pitching rookie of the year. . . . Alvin Dark of Boston will hit .330 again or better. . . . The A's will be leading the league in July on the strength of superb pitching and defense and just enough hitting. Then the greater strength of the Indians, Bosox and Yanks will begin to tell. . . . **Elmer Valo of the A's is my idea of an unsung star. The Palmerton, Pa. lad (who was born in Czechoslovakia) is the finest defensive rightfielder in the league, with a flaming spirit, speed and good arm, and hits a productive .300 or better every year.** . . . Bosox still haven't got the pitching. . . . All the early talk of the total Yankee collapse, badly exaggerated with the kernal of good players still on the club and the league's second best pitching staff, actually was a favor to Casey Stengal because he'll look good now when the team finishes a strong third (or better).

IF THE WORLD SERIES is to be between the two teams with the top defensive infields, it's Cleveland and Brooklyn and no mistakes. With the emergence of Billy Cox as a superlative third sacker, the Dodger quartet of Hodges, Robinson, Reese and Cox may even rate an edge over the classy, but subtly slowing Vernon, Gordon, Boudreau, Keltner. Don't quote me in Cleveland on this.

JOE LOUIS and Henry Armstrong think the new fight movies like "Setup" and "Champion" give a distorted view of the prize ring, leaving by omission a picture of ONLY corruption and dishonesty and completely negating the battering of jimcrow which has been one of the meaningful aspects of a rough and tough sport which certainly, as these movies do show, is no lily.

THE GREAT Stan Musial is, of course, the top athletic product of Donora, Pa., pop. 13,000. But this little industrial town on the Monongahela has turned out many more top notch athletes, and don't try to speak against unions to any of them! Forward-passer Arnold Galiffa, middleweight contender Lee Sala, and a raft of top notch college football players. Besides Galiffa there are no less than 16 Donora lads playing on topline college teams, including three at Pitt. You must add this special region to the others famous for turning out good gridders, like the Chicago and Gary Calumet area, Michigan's Sawinaw Valley, the Canton-Massilon-Arkon-Cleveland territory in Ohio.

A New York sports writer was chatting with some of the Cards from down South this spring when the Gardella case was in the headlines. Someone mentioned the fact that things are a little better for big leaguers with a five thousand minimum and a ruling forbidding a pay cut of more than 25 percent any single year. Said Mr. Musial of Donora:

"Yeah, you know when they made those concessions, don't you? Only when some of the boys started to talk union!"

THERE ARE 61 leagues and 463 clubs in organized baseball. The two states in the union unrepresented are Vermont and Wyoming. Maine just gets in with the Portland club. North Carolina and Texas lead with 42 and 41 respectively. It's that weather.

Occupational Hazards!

Baseball Has 'Em Brother—If You Don't Think, Read This

Injuries – sore arms – spike wounds – pulled muscles – beaning by a pitched ball. These are some of the occupational hazards of our national pastime, and don't forget to average them into the total picture when you think about baseball salaries and the life expectancy of the average ballplayer in his highly skilled trade!

Here are some of the mishaps of this young season:

Joe DiMaggio, brought down by his non-healing heel, was the first and most important casualty of the spring. Bob Feller, Cleveland's pitching ace, was retired after three innings of the opener against the St. Louis Browns with a shoulder disorder that puts his fireballing career in jeopardy at the age of 31.

Ray Sanders, Boston Braves first baseman, who cracked a wrist executing a tag and will be out until June—at least. George (Whitey) Kurowski of the St. Louis Cardinals, who already were shy on manpower, the veteran third baseman threw his arm out.

Leroy (Satchel) Paige, the 40-odd year old Cleveland pitcher who strained his side shagging fly balls and is out indefinitely.

Charley Keller of the Yankees, who pulled a muscle in his side at a time when DiMag was on the shelf along with Johnny Lindell, pitcher Bob Porterfield, George Stirnweiss, Charley Silvera and Clarence Marshall. All had baseball-incurred injuries.

Then there are the Washington pitching patients—Ed Klieman, and Joe Haynes. Klieman has an injured index finger on his pitching hand, Haynes has a shoulder strain.

And outfielder Hank Edwards of Cleveland who received a shoulder separation swinging at a pitch.

Some of the other boys had close calls. Big Ralph Kiner of the Pittsburgh Pirates was hit in the head by a batted ball on the West Coast and was out for a couple of days while everyone kept their fingers crossed.

Richie Ashburn of the Phillies, one of the top rookies in '48, was hit in the eye by a thrown ball while rounding third base trying to score. He came out of it okay.

Dick Kokos and Paul Lehner, St. Louis Brownie outfielders, crashed under a fly ball and were lugged off the field.

Outfielder Clint Conatser of the Braves was beaned by rookie pitcher Frank Fanovich of Cincinnati and carried out on a stretcher. He started to wear a headgear—when the regular season opened.

Catcher Del Rice of the Cardinals and Sal Yvars of the Giants fractured fingers on their catching hands.

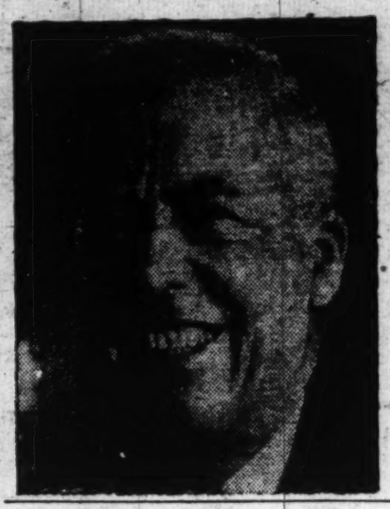
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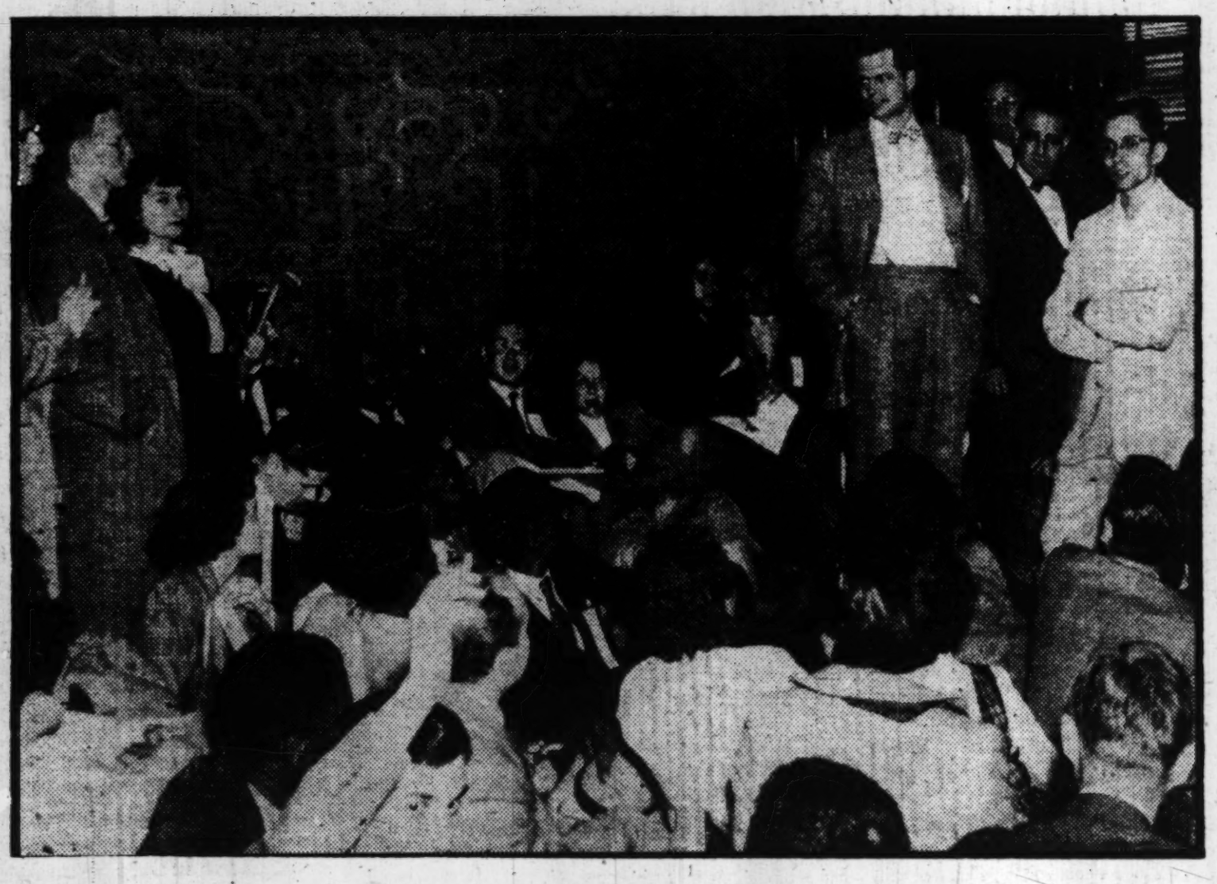
DETROIT.—Ex-Vice President Harry A. Wallace speaks at Music Hall, Detroit, on Sunday, May 1 at 3 p.m. under auspices of the Progressive Party of Michigan. This appearance is part of a nation-wide peace tour together with French Deputy Pierre Cot, H. Lester Hutchinson, British MP, Prof. Michele Giua, Italian Socialist Senator and Mme. Mimi Lunden,

May Day, 1949, Sees People on March:

VOTE STRIKE AT FORD

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Youth Lansing Sitdown Stirs State



Seated on the floor in the office of Michigan Gov. Williams (bow tie, hands in pockets), more than 150 delegates to youth lobby demanded answers from Governor on his failure to fight for the legislation which he promised the voters last November.

By John Cherveny

LANSING.—Two hundred and fifty angry youth from 12 Michigan cities converged on the State Capitol here and staged a sit down strike in the executive office of Gov. "Soapy" Williams, demanding action on passage of democratic legislation. Williams had refused previous requests to see the youth lobby.

The youth picketed the Capitol with slogans and chants of "Jobs not Guns"; "Housing not Barracks" after the legislators and Governor had edged their way out of answering the youth demands, or as in the case of some, fled down corridors.

The youth lobby was made up of representatives from unions, Young Progressives of America, veterans, unemployed, colleges and Negro organizations.

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THE STAID OLD Capitol building and the deathlike hush around the Governor's office was shattered when the 150 youth came marching in and made their way directly into "Soapy" Williams sumptuous office.

Paul Weber, press secretary to "Soapy" and a leading light in the clerical-fascist Association of Catholic Trade Unionists, sought to stem the tide by telling them that Gov. Williams wasn't in and didn't see anyone except by appointment.

Then the youth said they would wait and sat down on the floor till Williams came. A barrage of questions greeted him about why the struggle for passage of an FEPC act with teeth in it was not being pushed.

Williams reply was: "I am helpless with this legislature, you know that."

"Go to the people and mobilize them to fight with you" was the answer he got from Dorothy Marsh, Chris Walker and Stephen Perry, leaders of the Young Progressives. Williams merely looked away and pulled on his much publicized bow tie.

Another young worker asked: "Why does the Michigan Unemployment Compensation Commission recognize work orders from employers who ask for whites only, when this is a violation of the MUCC act?"

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WILLIAMS BLAMED the employers for such actions but was nonplussed when a delegate told him that the MUCC prints the discriminatory questions on applications and in the case of one plant actually sent "whites only."

A young worker from Dodge's asked Williams whether he favored the repeal of the anti-labor Bonine Tripp and Hutchinson Acts. Williams, despite the fact the questioner was sitting at the Governor's feet, kept looking at the back of the packed chamber and saying, "What was that question?"

A young Negro worker from Kaiser-Frazer, where unemployed are scheduled to be cut off relief if they are single or married with no children, asked Williams what he intended to do about that. The youth spokesman for the Willow Run unemployed told Williams that three children had burned to death in the plywood shacks that veterans are forced to live in at Willow Run Village.

He asked that unemployed be not cut off relief, that compensation be given to the jobless. The Governor was tongue-tied, seemingly, until his ACTU press secretary Weber pulled him by the arm out of the roomful of delegates.

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THE SAME TYPE of runaround was dished out by the Senators and Representatives, with some few exceptions.

Outright anti-Semitism was thrown at the delegation by Rep. Bert Storey, who told them:

"Jews don't have to worry about jobs . . . they own the businesses."

Rep. Frank Heath, asked by a Negro youth about rising unemployment answered:

"Why don't you go somewhere else if you don't like it here."

Another Representative told a delegation:

"Your initiative will pull you out of your shacks."

Tracy M. Doll, well known labor representative, greeted the

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35 UAW Leaders Hit Atlantic War Pact

DETROIT.—Thirty-five local union leaders from the CIO Auto Workers here have signed a statement against the North Atlantic Pact which will be printed in 100,000 copies for plant gate distribution.

The signers appealed to auto workers to join with them and Henry Wallace May 1 at the Detroit Music Hall where Wallace will speak with leaders of peoples movements from Italy, France, England and Norway.

"Out of our wages we will pay every cent of the 30 billion dollar cost of the North Atlantic Pact," said the unionists. They called on the rank and file auto workers to fight the pact and work with them for peace.

"We who will soon be battling the profit-fat auto companies for a better contract, a wage increase, pensions and other job securities," they wrote, "cannot afford to wait to join in the fight for peace. The powerful voices of the corporations and the military are bellowing for a third world war. . . . The time is late to have our voices register for peace. We cannot delay any longer."

Signers of the statement, all UAW men, are: Chris Alston, 190; Sam Bartnicki, 51; Paul Beatin, Walter Doresch, William Carr, Harold Franklin, W. C. Grant, John Gallo, Bill Johnson, Virgil Lacey, Percy Llewellyn, Ed Locke, Bill McKie, Art McPhaul, Dave More, John Orr, Alex Simeon, all of Ford Local 600.

Curt Davis, Local 3; Ralph Felicia, 51; Fay Gentry, 262; Henry Jansen, 174; Dave Miller, 22; Mickey Mexham, 174; Ben Prebe, 3; Stephanie Prociuk, 3; Walter Regowski, 3; John Reynolds, 208; Sophie Stempke, 7; Duke Takesian, 3; Joe Valentino, 174; Edith Van Horn, 3; John Zaremba, 3; Fred Williams, 208 and Don DeBlois, 742.

Stoolies Prey on Communists and Unionists

DETROIT.—Michigan workers fought many tough and militant battles before they could build their mighty trade unions.

They faced the guns and clubs of the Ford service men. They faced the armed vigilantes organized by GM during the sit-down strikes. They were showered by bullets and rubber hose by mounted cops.

The courage and solidarity of the workers beat off every attack.

Then the bosses pulled out another weapon: the frameup of union leaders on "evidence" supplied by stoolpigeons and informers.

In the eyes of a union man there is nothing lower or slimier on this earth than a stoolpigeon.

Back in 1941, the Ford Motor Co. filed a suit of "conspiracy" against the UAW-CIO, the Communist Party and the national CIO.

The stoolpigeon in that case was William Nowell.

Today, in Foley Square in New York, that same stoolpigeon has been dragged in by the government in its frameup case against the 12 national leaders of the Communist Party.

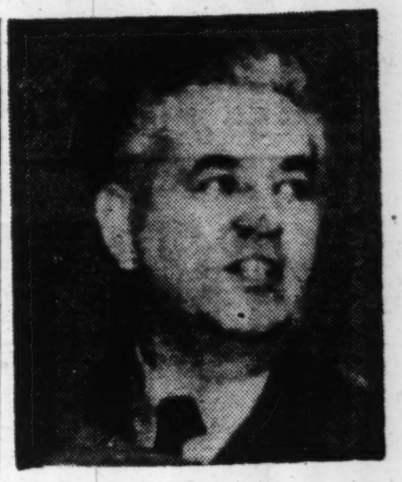
That case is just as much a frameup as was Ford's case in 1941. The use of the same stoolpigeon in both cases proves it.

The auto workers showed they know how to deal with a stoolpigeon when they refused to work with Nowell at the Ford plant.

By their united protest they also forced Ford Motor Co. to dismiss the "conspiracy" case in '41.

In their own self-interest they should now let the government hear their loud and immediate protest against the frameup trial of the Communists.

Ex-Ford Service Man, Pal Of G. L. K. Smith, Fingers '12



CARL WINTER

DETROIT. — Ford workers recall William Nowell with the special disgust reserved for stoolpigeons, strike breakers and members of the notorious anti-union Ford Service Department. They remember his testimony in behalf of the company at the 1941 "conspiracy" trial aimed against the UAW, the CIO and the Communist Party. Staunch union men think with glee of how they removed him bodily from the Ford Foundry when he dared to try working there again.

Nowell is the latest unsavory character dug up by the prosecution in the New York Federal Court against the 12 Communist leaders.

He discussed his prospective testimony with government agents last November, and—as defense questioning revealed—was handed a Justice Department job in December without having to go through the customary civil service examination.

This would-be union-buster admitted under cross-examination that he had also served as a paid worker for one of America's most notorious fascists—Gerald L. K. Smith. Ludicrously, he denied knowledge of Smith's anti-Semitism or KKK connections.

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Nowell's "evidence" dealt exclusively—as anyone reading the court records can see—with the years 1929 to 1936 when he was booted out of the Communist Party, Judge Harold Medina, as is his custom, overruled every defense objection to the whole fanciful tale. Defense lawyers pointed out that the testimony was irrelevant to the indictment, which pertains only to the period since 1945 when the Communist Party was reorganized.

Glaring contradictions appeared in the stoolie's testimony—as when he claimed at one point that defendant Jack Stachel had been responsible for sending him to training school in Moscow in 1931. It came out that Stachel was no longer in Detroit when this decision was made here. Nowell simply dragged Stachel's name into the story in a lame attempt to connect it with the present trial. He also claimed Stachel had "appointed" him to a Party post in Detroit although earlier he said he had been regularly elected.

He pulled the same trick by naming defendants Gus Hall and Irving Potash in connection with the Moscow trip, although they had not been mentioned at all in reams of earlier information presented to the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Nowell admitted working for the Ford Social Welfare Department and Employment office, but denied the well-established fact that he had been employed by the Service Department.

When Judge Medina claimed he could not understand how Nowell's connection with the Ford Service Department affected his cridibility as a witness, the defense undertook to give the Court a lesson.

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Defense Attorney Richard Gladstein told how the Ford Motor Co. used members of its service department "as labor spies, as provocateurs, and as agents of the corporation to prevent labor organization."

He recalled proof before the LaFollette Senate investigation that "the Ford Company, through this department, the service department, interfered with the rights of working men to organize and to bargain collectively, in violation of the laws of the land."

"Hence any person," the attorney added, ". . . who worked with it (the service department) . . . was definitely involved in preventing the rightful activities of working men to organize and was also actively engaged in a frustration of the laws of the land."

Communist Party Secretary Eugene Dennis, acting as his own lawyer, summed up the reasons why Nowell's testimony was worthless.

"Well, it seems to me, your honor," he said, "that even the Court must take into account that a person who, let us say, works for the Pinkerton Agency and testifies against trade unionists surely cannot be considered an unbiased witness. Nor for that matter could any FBI agent.

"They are not impartial observers. They are sent into unions, they are sent into workers' organizations, like our Party, the Communist Party, with a purpose to distort and disrupt and, in fact, to attempt to destroy our organization . . .

"The testimony of a labor spy, a provocateur, no matter whom he is working for, whether it is a private organization or a governmental agency, has no validity any more than the testimony of the Gestapo agent who testified against a Dimitrov."

At one point in the proceedings, Nowell testified under oath that in 1944 he had been kicked out of the Ford plant because of "collusion" between the Communist Party and the Ford Motor Co.

Any Ford worker would laugh at this conception of chummy relations between King Henry and the Communists who were pioneers in organizing his empire. The fact of the matter is that by 1944 Newell was so discredited as a stoolpigeon that he was of no further use to Ford in that capacity. When the company sought to place him in the foundry on a light job, Negro workers dumped him bodily and demanded his removal because they refused to work alongside a labor-spy.

They knew of his open connection with Smith which dated from 1940. Moreover they knew he had been star company witness at the 1941 "conspiracy" trial through which Ford attempted to bust up the UAW.

Since his unlamented expulsion as a stoolpigeon from the Communist arty, Nowell has frequently served as a government witness against Communists and other active progressives in deportation cases and the like.



WILLIAM NOWELL, government witness against the 12 Communist leaders and Ford witness in 1941 against the UAW-CIO, teamed up with Gerald L. K. Smith, notorious fascist, as seen in the leaflet reproduced above.

Honor Tradition of '86 at Mich. Worker May 8 Rally

DETROIT.—A tradition firmly established in the American labor movement since 1886 will be honored at the Michigan Worker's May Day meeting on Sunday, May 8, 3 p.m. at Local 157 Hall, 5961 14 St.

Detroit workers, men and women, Negro and white, have been invited to rally on the issues which in 1949 have replaced the heroic, early May Day fight for the eight-hour day.

Appropriately, the keynote speaker at that meeting will be Robert Thompson, war hero of Red Arrow Division fame, who is now in the front ranks of those who battle against bigotry and fascism. He is one of the 12 Communist leaders now on trial in the federal court in New York, where 12 men defend the right of the 12 times 12 million Americans to form and to hold their own political opinions.

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Negro Bystander Brutally Beaten By Louisiana Cops

NEW ORLEANS, La.—On Sunday, April 10, the Young Progressives conducted an outdoor registration school at the corner of Melpomene and Freret. At a table on the sidewalk they had literature and posters. Three or four attendants explained to inquirers what they had to do in order to register and vote.

A squad car pulled up, and the two policemen in it growled: "What you tryin' to do, teach these people rights?" (One policeman's badge was No. 665.) When they asked Frank Ervin, white student at the table, if he were there alone, he said "Yes" to protect his three Negro co-workers.

Samuel Spears, 40, a Negro resident of the neighborhood, living at 3831 Duplessis St., stopped at the table to look at the display. Spears is not a member of the Progressive Party, and was a complete stranger to the Young Progressives at the outdoor booth.

One of the cops gruffly told Spears to "move on," then the other cop said, "Kick that n----r!" Spears, about to move on, looked around. The first cop grabbed him by the collar, and Spears put up his hand to protect his sunglasses, expecting a blow.

"Oh, so you're resistin' arrest, hey?" the cop said.

"I ain't resistin' arrest, officer," Speers said.

The Young Progressives present testify that Spears did not resist or fight back. He is a small man, about 5 ft. 6 in. in height and weighing about 142 pounds.

Miss Judy Smith, one of the people in charge, phoned the executive secretary of the C. R. C. He at once tried every method to save the man from the beating that we have come to expect whenever the police arrest a Negro, whatever the cause. The desk sergeant at Precinct 2 said Spears had not yet been booked.

Meanwhile Mrs. Samuel Spears tried to get help from Henry Hennessey, proprietor of the Hennessey Optical Goods concern, 427 Penn St., where her husband had been employed as a porter for more than two years. Finally, Mr. Hennessey went down to the Second Precinct and heard the police side of the case. His action was to fire Spears forthwith.

As Spears tells the story, the two arresting officers started to beat him as soon as they got him in the precinct. The desk sergeant interupted the beating long enough to take Spears' name and address, and other routine questions. Then the beating was resumed. Five policemen took part. "A policeman hit me with a billy, and then another policeman hit me. They hit me from behind, from the side, from everywhere. They knocked me down and kicked me. The desk sergeant kicked me in the chin. Then they stomped on me."

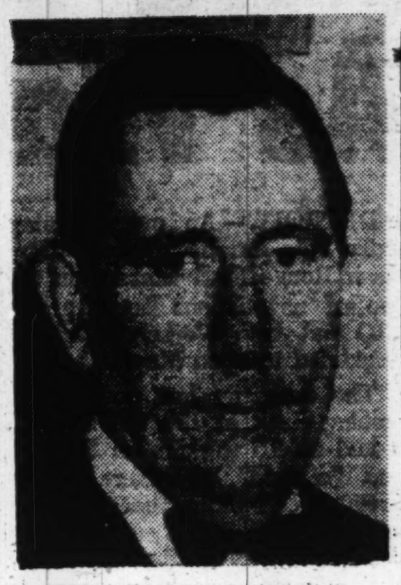
Then the guardians of the law, Spears says, took him up to a cell and left him there, raw and bleeding, without treatment, till the next day. At 11:15 a.m. Tureaud, a lawyer, got him paroled. At once Spears was taken to Charity Hospital, examined and X-rayed, and it was found that in addition to bruises and contusions and a cut chin, he had a burst ear drum.

Pepper Backs War Pact, Floridians Denounce Him

TAMPA, Fla.—In a strongly-worded statement to Sen. Claude Pepper of Florida a number of prominent civic leaders urged the Senator to act and speak out against the North Atlantic Military Alliance. They declared that the NAMA "is subjecting the nation to the continually increasing danger of disastrous and wholly unnecessary war."

Sen. Pepper has already publicly declared that he favors the alliance. He even went further and stated that, following the ratification of the alliance by the Senate, military aid must be given to those countries that signed the Alliance.

This saber-rattling and warmongering by Sen. Pepper is finding widespread opposition in liberal and progressive circles in Florida. Many former Pepper supporters have learned that Pepper left the progressive camp and has become a front-man for the Truman administration



SEN. CLAUDE PEPPER

The movement against Pepper and the NAMA is growing in Florida. Among the signers of the statement to Pepper are: Col. Raymond Robins, Brooksville; Jack Kofoed, columnist, Miami Herald; John H. Reynolds, Assistant Professor of Social Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville; Prof. Guy G. Becknell, University of Tampa; M. A. Soper, Pastor (Methodist); John M. Coe, State Chairman, Progressive Party; William R. Stevenson, Minister Union Congregational Church, Jacksonville; Edward G. Maxted, Episcopal Minister, Retired, Warrington; Max Selig, Teacher, Winter Park; John R. Reed, secretary RSCE, Apopka; Gerald Gilbert Gavorchin, Assistant Professor of History, University of Miami; W. M. Mullen, Sebring; Elbert Russell, St. Petersburg.

Murray's Anti-Negro Aides Try to Destroy Mine Union

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union (CIO) has demanded that Philip Murray immediately convene a special meeting of the CIO Executive Board to hear charges against Murray's United Steel Workers for terroristic, anti-Negro raiding in this area. The raiding occurred in a consent election of Tennessee Coal and Iron Company ore miners in this area April 21.

The steel union's campaign, handled by Murray's personal representative, Nick A. Zonarich, included open conspiracy with the company, a United States Steel Company subsidiary, and a fascist-like reign of terror that resulted in putting Maurice Travis, secretary-treasurer of the International Mine, Mill Union, into the hospital badly injured and facing the probability that he will be permanently blinded.

Company union elements, including many who did not deny charges that they were active Ku Klux Klansmen, were used by paid staffmen of the United Steel Workers of America to start a lily-white secession movement in five TCI locals of the Mine, Mill Union three months ago. Murray issued the secessionists charters as CIO Industrial locals. The movement finally resulted in a consent election on April 21.

Murray sent Zonarich here to take charge and as the result of a reign of terror by gangs of hoodlums, led by Zonarich, the vote went against Mine, Mill, 2,696 to 2,233. The Negro workers, in the face of a red-baiting and Negro-baiting campaign by the raiders, voted solidly for Mine, Mill. Gangs of hoodlums, led by Zonarich and Bob Christopherson, a CIO Southern Drive employee, terrorized workers.

The telegram sent to Murray, signed by International MM&SW president John Clark and International vice presidents Reid Robinson and Orville Larson, declared:

"We are confident that the members of the United Steel Workers of America and all other members of CIO do not wish to see their per capita spent on gangster union busting. This attack on our union in the South is especially despicable since your representatives have been using the race issue to divide the iron ore miners in the face of an outstanding fight against racial discrimination by our union. Also participating in the attack were the leaders of the company unions outlawed by the Wagner Act, who are now members of the United Steel Workers of America."

Terror marked the entire campaign. One Mine, Mill staff member was kidnapped and held for several hours and the union office was entered and ransacked. One white ore miner who was an election observer declared that threats were made to workers even at the voting booths. "It was the most unfair thing I have ever seen," he said. "It was un-American."

This Steel Worker Union campaign to split white workers away from Mine, Mill by terror and Negro-baiting is clearly a part of the long term strategy of the TCI company. For several years the company has been hiring mostly white workers to shift the percentage of Negro - white composition.

Kentucky Students Vote on Segregation

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Three proposals for ending racial and religious discrimination on the campus of the University of Louisville have been voted down by the student body.

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OF THE 5,000 members of the student body, 2,136 voted, which is a record for the University of Louisville. Also unprecedented was the fact that a Negro student of Louisville Municipal College (the jimcrow college of the University of Louisville) was a member of the committee of three who counted the ballots. By this act, though by the back door, Negroes were admitted to the student management of the joint affairs of the colleges which make up the University of Louisville.

Spokesmen for the progressives said that the fight has only begun and this election represents the first gun in an active campaign to abolish discrimination from the campus, to end the present jimcrow situation where Negro students are segregated into the Municipal College and denied the facilities and barred from the social life of the university as a whole. Louisville progressive stutend to interest students in other Kentucky universities and colleges in the fight against discrimination and chauvinism.

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THE FIGHT began when Lyman Johnson, a teacher in a Louisville high school, brought suit in federal court to gain admittance to the University of Kentucky Graduate School at Lexington, Ky. Federal Judge Church Ford ruled that the University of Kentucky would have to admit Johnson as a student and accord him the privileges accorded other students.

Besides Judge Ford's ruling, two other factors favor the possibility that Kentucky's infamous Day Law (the law which bars whites and Negroes meeting together in school and elsewhere) may become a dead letter. They are: People of Negro ancestry have already matriculated at the University of Kentucky as exchange students from foreign countries. And scouts for the "Wildcats" basketball team have their eyes on a couple of star Negro netmen.

CIO Would Expel Pleader for Peace

HOUSTON, Tex.—Instead of eliminating jimcrow practices at its meetings and fighting for "pork-chop" issues of the workers, the CIO council here is trying to expel a member who signed a letter calling for an end to the cold war.

At its last meeting, the Council drew up charges against Jacqueline Nelson, Business Agent of Local 75, Food, Tobacco, and Agricultural Workers Union (FTA), and appointed a special trial committee.

Miss Nelson was charged with violating the section of the Council Constitution which prohibits membership in the Council to "persons who subscribe to Nazi, Fascist, or Communist principles, or participate in activities supporting these principles," and with "bringing the CIO Council into ill repute through various communicative letters."

The letter referred to was an open letter to President Truman, Secretary of State Dean Acheson, and Senator Tom Connally, calling for a change in our foreign policy from one of "cold war" to one of peace. The open letter denounced the Atlantic Pact and called on President Truman to accept the offer of the Soviet Union to hold peaceful negotiations between the two countries to settle outstanding differences. This letter was signed by church, civic, labor, and professional leaders throughout Texas.

In a public statement distributed to thousands of workers throughout the Houston area, the Executive Board of Local 75, FTA, demanded that the charges against Miss Nelson be dropped. "Is red-baiting the way members of the Houston Area CIO Council cover up their failure to fight on pork chop issues"? the union statement asked. The FTA statement demanded to know why the CIO Council had not offered strike aid to the 600 FTA compress workers recently on strike; and why the Council has not drawn up a program for the fight against layoffs, speed-up, and for the 100 percent repeal of the Taft-Hartley law. The FTA statement criticized jimcrow at CIO Council meetings, and called on the Council "to spend its time on a constructive program for peace and preparation against the looming depression."

Wilkerson Tops May Day Program

RICHMOND, Va.—Dr. Doxey Wilkerson, noted educator, author and recent star witness in exposing the jimcrow, richman's Grand Jury system, will be the chief speaker at a May Day celebration here Sunday, May 1.



The celebration will take place at 3:30 p.m. at Price's Hall, 212 East Leigh Street.

Richmonders have been urged to come to the celebration to protest the recent brutal killing of a Negro farmer in Charles City County, only 20 miles from Richmond, by an ABC Board Inspector. They have been invited to participate in the meeting to help win peace, jobs, security and to end segregation.

Also a special feature of the May Day celebration will be the showing of "Native Land," a special full-length feature film, in which Paul Robeson sings and narrates.

BIGOTS FORCE OUT COLLEGE PRESIDENT

RICHMOND, Va.—Dr. Riley B. Montgomery, President of the Lynchburg College resigned following criticisms by bigoted "white supremacists" because he permitted Negro students from the Virginia State College to have social contact with the white students at a weekend conference and social gathering last year.

The Negro students attended an inter-racial meeting on the Lynchburg College campus. After the meeting they were invited to join a dance sponsored by white students.

Since that time, Dr. Montgomery, who upheld the right of the races to get together, has been under fire by the local race haters.

Dr. Montgomery is to assume the presidency of the College of the Bible at Lexington, Ky.

Gay Future For Whom AtPontiac?

By William Allan

PONTIAC. — Harry Klinger, president of the General Motors Pontiac Division, was quoted in the local newspapers here last week as saying a "bright future is ahead for us all at Pontiac Motor."

With this to cheer we went to see some of his colleagues.

But Pontiac foundry workers snorted: "The only future for us is to work in the foundry and never get out of it."

In the foundry there is a separate seniority system that prevents a Negro from going into other sections of the plant based on his seniority. He cannot "bump" someone else and get himself a job outside of the dusty health-destroying conditions so typical of all foundries.

If a foundry worker by any chance forces the issue of getting a job outside the foundry in another part of the Pontiac plant then he has to start off as a new employe and he loses all the seniority he accumulated back in the foundry.

The Pontiac foundry workers never know from day to day what the production standards will be when they come to work. This is one of the slickest form of speed-up practiced by GM and is done so that workers cannot file grievances about speedup.

The National CIO Auto Workers Foundry Conference convening in Cleveland, May 27-29, will be presented with a resolution by foundry workers from Pontiac asking that this jimcrow type of seniority system be made an immediate grievance, filed with the company and a test case made to fight for plantwide jobs for foundry workers when they seek to get out of the family.

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ANOTHER minority group who also view with skepticism, Mr. Klinger's boast that a "bright future is ahead for us all in Pontiac Motors" are the women workers of that plant.

Today many of them are employed as swepers in the plant. The company with more than 7,000 unemployed workers walking the streets of Pontiac is shifting the women workers into impossible heavy jobs, which they can't stand. Most of the women then are forced to quit and thus management accomplishes its aims to get women out of the plants.

While Klinger tells the Kiwanis in Pontiac at a $5 luncheon how well the company is doing, the workers in Pontiac Motor just suffered a 2 cents an hour wage cut, because of the escalator clause to which their wages are tied, thanks to UAW president Walter P. Reuther.

Dow Chemical Kills Fish

BAY CITY.—If there was a poor run of pickerel this spring in the Saginaw Bay and if hundreds of workers who eke out an additional dollar by the fish were unable to get good catches, they can blame the Dow Chemical Company whose refuse pollute the bay, filling it with dead fish.

Rouge Workers OK Strike As Wage Talks Near

DETROIT. — An overwhelming strike vote has been recorded by River Rouge Ford workers on the eve of negotiations between the CIO and Auto Workers and Ford scheduled to open May 15.

The company lost no time in coming back at the union when it laid off 15 workers for 30 days and "warned" 93 others in the Press Steel building because of a walkout.

The workers at the Rouge, by their big strike vote, are showing they have no illusions about the battle with Ford that lies ahead. Also the company, by its actions against militant rank and file, is blowing up in smoke the illusion being spread by local president Tommy Thompson that John S. Bugas, company vice president "is not speaking for Henry Ford, II" when Bugas orders a crackdown on the rank and file and a 22 percent boost in production.

In face of direct orders from the Thompson clique running the Ford local that workers should not engage in job actions against speedup but resort to the grievance procedure, the rank and file are battling against the mad drive for production being pushed by the company.

The Press Steel disciplining of 93 workers and 15 more getting 30-day layoffs provides an example of the leadership of the Thompson clique.

Archie Accicia, Building president of the union in Press Steel, when he learned of the mass disciplining of 108 of his members said that all that could be done was to "file a grievance."

But the Press Steel workers are showing that they have different answers than that of Accicia.

The walkout of the Press Steel workers occurred when the company sent 30 men to Labor Relations because they were standing at the time clock one minute before time to ring out.

When the word got around the building where 12,000 work, the entire building was emptied in one hour, the workers refusing to work. Th company in retaliation shut the entire plant down.



FORD CARS on final assembly line are among those the company is rapidly piling up, as members of Local 600 of UAW press for strike action now, against speedup, before company accumulates a big stockpile with which to fight the union.

U of M Students Say 'No' to Communist Ban

ANN ARBOR.—Thirty-five hundred students at the University of Michigan voted "no" in a referendum on whether they favored the Martin Bill now up in the Michigan Legislature to bar Communists past or present from teaching in schools or colleges. Twenty-five hundred said they favored such a law.

Approximately 1,000 students did not vote on the issue which was in a referendum form along with ballots for the Student Legislature and class officers.

CLIP K-F RED TAPE WITH BIG SPEEDUP PROTEST

WILLOW RUN. — Last Thursday between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. the workers on the body line at the Kaiser Frazer plant here stopped in protest against speedup and several hundred of them marched to the superintendent's office demanding action.

Union stewards who went in to discuss the issues were met with a new type of company arrogance —namely the turning off of the lights where they were sitting and management walking out.

The day before the demonstration management started up the second line on final assembly with a skeleton crew and sent two inspectors off the other assembly line. This created a shortage of men, so the workers stopped work.

The mood of the K-F workers is similar to that of Ford's, Chrysler, Briggs, Midland Steel, Bendix and others—the time for action has come against speedup, and they are not waiting for the endless mass of red tape that has tied up grievances by the hundreds.

CIOers Go To Lansing May 4

DETROIT. — Members of 26 non-UAW, CIO local unions here will converge in a mass lobby on the State Legislature, May 4, to work for the passage of progressive legislation.

A steering committee made up of representatives from the United Public Workers, UE, FTA, Steel Workers, UOPWA, Fur and Leather, plus rank and file delegates from UAW locals will direct the discussions with State Senators and Legislators.

An interview will be sought with Governor "Soapy" Williams who recently has shown great reluctance to meet with delegations asking why an FEPC law with teeth is not being pressed for; why MUCC benefits are not being fought for, and why he as Governor is not calling on the people to come to Lansing to fight for progressive legislation to be passed.

Fisher Worker Decapitated

FLINT.—Speedup took its toll of human life here in Fisher Body plant 1, when John J. Tomecek, who worked for 18 years for General Motors, was decapitated while working at a toggel press operation on Tuesday, April 19.

Within 45 minutes after the broken, headless body of the worker, a victim of speedup, was lifted away from the machine, another worker was working on the same machine.

It was only a year ago in the GM Buick plant here that a worker was crushed to death while repairing a line and the union committeeman who went to get a rope to lift the body out of the machinery was given a 30-day layoff for "leaving his job without permission."

With General Motors Corp. demanding a 20 percent increase in production, death rides the assembly lines these days.

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The Art of Sucking Blood by Way of Parasites' — Helpers

SEVEN auto companies sucked over 641 million dollars in profits, after taxes, out of the fatigued bodies of their workers last year. While profits of other corporations ran 10 percent on the net worth of the companies, the profits in the seven auto companies ran 14.8 percent to 31.1 percent on net worth.

The auto barons have much in common with the lampreys who live by sucking blood from the living bodies of the Great Lake Trout.



NAT GANLEY

But while the parasitic lampreys must do their own dirty work, the parasitic exploiters of labor can always hire stool pigeons and pen prostitutes to help them do a bloodsucking job on the workers.

Two characters fit into this picture. The star performer is the labor spy William Odell Nowell, now working for President Harry Truman's Immigration Department, although he took no civil service exam. His close understudy is the labor columnist Victor Riesel, hired by Willie Hearst because Vic's union-busting is more subtle, skillful and effective than the discredited scribbling of a Westbrook Pegler.

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NOWELL, the stool pigeon, was on exhibition last week in Foley Square, New York, as Government witness in the frame-up case against the 12 Communist leaders.

Between 1929 and 1936 he was a member of the Communist Party. Before he was expelled as a stool pigeon in 1936 he had already deserted his own cause by being an anti-Communist "in part." From July 1937 to about the end of 1938 he was on Homer Martin's payroll. In that period Homer Martin was selling out the UAW to the Ford Motor Company in return for huge sums of money received from Harry Bennett. Martin used Nowell as a finger-man in his big red-baiting crusade against the UAW-CIO.

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WAS NOWELL on the payroll of the Negro-baiting fascist Gerald L. K. Smith? He admits he was. He made anti-Communist speeches for Smith and helped him prepare material for his fascist crusade against the trade unions, the Communists and the progressive organizations.

Nowell's been a stool pigeon witness for everyone from the Dies Un-American Committee to the Ford Motor Company in its attempts to smash the UAW-CIO.

Back in 1941 in Judge Tuttle's court in Detroit, Nowell's lies were presented as "proof" that the CIO, the Communist Party and the UAW engaged in an organization drive and strike for the purpose of achieving "the aims of Soviet Russia—the violent overthrow of the government of the U. S."

While Nowell stabs labor in the back as an open stool pigeon, the labor columnist Vic Riesel uses kid gloves to force the knife in a few more notches. His latest diatribe gives a big boost to Walt Reuther's pension push at the expense of wage increases. He presents his big pitch at the same time that Reuther, under rank and file pressure, is already making more gestures towards a 1949 wage increase demand.

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"TOO OLD to work, too young to die," says Riesel, is the slogan around which the year's showdown labor battle will be fought. The Ford workers are all set to strike for this single demand, according to Riesel.

Well, there's no doubt that 100,000 Ford Workers and one million UAW members want $100 a month pensions for 60-year-olds paid for by the company. But it seems to me that the immediate slogan the Ford Rouge workers are taking their strike vote on is: "Human beings refuse to work like horses." That, together with wage cuts, has been the main issue of the recent strikes of auto workers.



Shown above is part of the picket line around the state capital in Lansing, sponsored by delegates to Youth Lobby. Delegates demanded passage of FEPC, repeal of Bonine-Tripp Act, higher jobless payments and more housing.

Youthful Sitdowners Worry 'Soapy' with Demands for Action

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delegation warmly, as did Senator Blondy, who told the Senate that Senator Pat Walsh would announce that the Young Progressives of America were lobbying in the Capitol.

This friendly reception by these progressives legislators was reported back to many unions and organizations this week by the delegates.

Doll, welcoming the delegation said:

"We should have lobbies like this every week. If some of the Detroit labor leaders would stop playing with the bosses and come out like you did, we could pass some of this much needed legislation that you have so well lobbied for today."

Doll also had warm words of appreciation to the leaders of the delegation for its inter-racial character.

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THEN THE 250 youths went out in front of the Capitol Building and picketed with their banners, singing songs and chanting slogans and demands.

Their slogans demanded:

- **Action on FEPC with teeth in the law.**
- **Increase MUCC benefits to $35 a week.**
- **Action on Fair Education Program without any quota systems for Negroes and Jewish students.**
- **Low cost public housing.**
- **Extension of unemployment benefits for returned veterans beyond the 52 weeks now provided.**

The spirited picket line, the first seen in Lansing for years, invited watchers to join them. A dozen teen-age high school youth on a sight-seeing tour joined in. The Flint Law Club, also on tour, joined the picket line.

The delegates came from Detroit, Flint, Lansing, Willow Run, Wayne, Ann Arbor, Olivet, Grand Rapids, and other cities.

Delegates reported that Paul Weber kept whispering in Williams' ear during the hectic sitdown strike in the Governor's office, that "these are the reds, etc., etc."

The cars coming back to the various cities in the evening attracted great attention as their streaming banners were read by curious townspeople along the route.

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WILLIAMS, after the hundreds of youth had started back home, issued a redbaiting blast which only the Hearst **Detroit Times** would print. He fitted his remarks to the Hearst line saying that if "these demonstrators had tried this in Moscow they would have been jailed."

He then moaned about the "militancy" of the youth and said "such type of demonstrations don't help."

These remarks were made despite the fact that all Williams' campaign promises have been buried in committee by the legislators, with remarks in Lansing overheard by the delegates that "Williams's program will pass over our dead bodies."

Bare Nowicki Plot to Pile Debts on DSR, Cut Pay

DETROIT. – Local newspapers claims that the municipality owned Detroit Street Railways are headed for total bankruptcy and receivership were set back at a City Council hearing last Wednesday.

Three basic facts emerged:

- The main purpose of the newspaper scare campaign about bankruptcy is to cut the ground from the AFL transit workers' wage demand of 27c an hour increase and to set the stage for putting through Mayor Van Antwerp's proposal of a 3-cent wage cut.
- The DSR is in a position to pay off all debts at the end of this fiscal year and still have more than $400,000 left in immediate cash, plus $1,800,000 in immediate borrowing power.
- The DSR management, specifically Leo Nowicki, manager, is deliberately contributing to the newspaper campaign to discredit municipal ownership by refusing to pay City taxes and other City charges against the system, thereby incurring indebtedness when it is in a position to pay off all debts.

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SPEARHEADING the efforts to convert the hearing into an attack on the DSR workers wage demands was Councilman John Kronk, who voted against wage increases for City workers last week. Kronk demanded that the DSR establish the GM wage-cutting escalator clause and a two year contract with its operators and maintenance workers.

DSR Commissioner Rodney Baxter recently appointed by Mayor Van Antwerp replied that "in view of the present market situation, with the cost of living falling, with business declining, and with income dropping off, the DSR will unquestionably ask its employees to take a wage cut in the current arbitration proceedings."

General manager Nowicki told Councilman Kronk that one group of DSR employees, those in AFL Office Workers local 214, recently took a 3c. cut "because their contract is modeled after the GM escalator clause. We are working with our representative on the arbitration panel," he said, "and we hope to be able to get a similar escalator clause in our contracts with the unions representing our employees."

On the $370,000 of due taxes, which Nowicki says the DSR will not pay in June, the 8 percent penalty amounts to $29,600. Thus Nowicki wants to add nearly $30,000 to the costs of the operation, by his refusal to pay. This is the type of business being carried on.

If Nowicki wants to eliminate the payment of taxes why is it he has never proposed even when he was a Councilman, the placing of an amendment on the ballot to eliminate DSR tax payments?

Packard Lockout

DETROIT.—The Packard Motor Co. locked out the 3,700 workers in the main division last Wednesday, April 20.

On the final assembly line the carbon monoxide fumes from the exhausts of the cars have constituted a health hazard and almost unbearable condition for over a year now.

This grievance was negotiated and supposedly settled along with 17 other points last October. The understanding was that during the shut-down for change-over of models the Company was to have installed adequate ventilation.

The workers returned after the change-over to find even the few ineffectual fans had been removed by the Company. And, to boot, spray painters were touching up anniversary models with gold paint right in the department. Paint fumes on top of the carbon monoxide fumes were more than human endurance could stand.

Consequently, the workers demanded a five minute period from each hour in which to go outside for fresh air.

The Company's answer was to send the workers home, 3,700 of them, according to information obtained from the bargaining committee. The lockout was because the Company was hell bent on getting flocks of the new car model out in time to celebrate their golden anniversary show. This speed-up caused the touch up painting to be done on the assembly line and not in the paint shop.

Teachers Hit Martin Bill

DETROIT.—One hundred and seventy-six faculty members at the University of Michigan said they opposed the Martin bill, which if passed by the state legislature, would bar "past and present members of the Communist Party" from teaching in state-financed schools or colleges.

Last week, 3,500 students also declared themselves against this undemocratic proposed legislation. The poll of the faculty showed 52 nercent against the Martin bill, 41 percent for, and seven percent refused comment.

The student poll was 60 percent or 3,500 against the bill and 2,500 for. Approximately 7,000 students participated in the poll.

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A Full Page of News from Pontiac

'Committee of Justice' Seeks Retrial For Sentenced Negro Veteran

PONTIAC.—On Saturday, April 30, at 8 p.m. at the Roosevelt Hotel here, delegates from labor, Negro, Progressive Party and civil rights group were convening to set up a "Committee for Jiles Cury," 24-year-old Negro Navy veteran who was sentenced to 3½ to 10 years for "felonious assault."

Three thousand leaflets were distributed last week here telling the true story of how Jiles Curry, who landed with the Seabees on the Leyte Beachhead during the last war, was jailed in Pontiac because he defended his home.

Curry warded off project manager Felix McDavitt, his assistant, Mr. Young, a constable and a cop off duty, who came armed with revolvers to evict Curry, despite the fact that Curry wanted to give them his rent.

The leaflet tells the story of how volleys of shots were fired at Curry by the group of armed men, endangering the lives of children and other bystanders.

Curry served 2½ years overseas with the Seabees and received an honorable discharge. He worked in Wilson Foundry, was a member of the CIO Auto Workers and was laid off during the time that he was evicted from the Crystal Beach government trailer housing project. Despite being a month behind in his rent, he found friends on the project who loaned him the rent which he offered to McDavitt when he came to evict him.

But MacDavitt and his three armed partners had not come there to accept rent. They came there to get Jiles Curry. When one of them fired a shot a few minutes later, after taking deliberate aim at Curry's body, and the shot went wild, witnesses reported they heard him curse: "I missed him!"

What the conference of labor and progressive groups and individuals will discuss is why did an innocent men, who committed no crime, become the target for a murderous rain of bullets?

Why did McDavitt and Young come to the eviction armed? Did they come there with the idea that something might give them a chance to use the revolvers?

Also the conference will seek the answer to a question being talked about by hundreds of people in the Crystal Beach project. What did Jiles Curry know that the men who came to evict him evidently wanted kept quiet?

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THE CONFERENCE of labor and progressives will hear about the "trial" of Jiles Curry in a Pontiac Court. His attorney, Mort Leitson, labor lawyer retained by the Michigan Civil Rights Congress, will report.

The people present will hear how Jiles Curry never knew that he was entitled to a jury trial, or that he was entitled to a lawyer even if he did plead "guilty" to a charge of "felonious assault."

Also some curious facts exist about what Jiles Curry was charged with after he gave himself up voluntarily. The **Pontiac Press** first said he was charged with attempted murder. Curry fired two shots in the air and witnesses say he did not fire the first shot while the four men seeking to exict him, fired more than 20 shots.

Pontiac Communists Offer Program for Unemployment Crisis

PONTIAC.—The Communist Party of Pontiac is distributing a leaflet before factory gates that is being eagerly accepted and widely read. It tells a story, concealed by the General Motors-dominated Pontiac **Press**. It reveals that 7,567 workers are unemployed here and that unemployment is becoming worse.

Homes are being taken back by the real estate sharks as workers can't make the payments. Cars and household appliances are being seized from workers and their families. Along the shopping streets of this town storekeepers will tell you that "business is bad."

General Motors spokesmen predict constantly here that "the future is bright for all of us in GM." Bright for the "stockholders and coupon clippers," says the Communist Party leaflet, with GM reporting a net profit of $440,000,000 in 1948, while in 1949 its workers take a two cents an hour wage cut, layoffs and short work week.

The Communists, in their leaflet, call upon the workers to organize and demand through their unions and other organizations:

• Fight against speedup, those of you who are working, because if you don't you are working yourself out of a job.

• No overtime as long as 7,567 workers are walking the streets.

• Demand a 30-cent wage increase and no more wage cuts.

• Better trade relations with our former allies, the Soviet Union and the New Democracies, who want to buy busses, trucks, motors and machine tools.

• Moratorium on debts for jobless.

• Increased MUCC payments to $35 a week.

• All MUCC benefits to continue for the whole period of unemployment.

• Pass a federal bonus act for veterans.

• Free medical and dental care.

• Public works and slum clearance for the jobless at union wages.

'Mule Drivers' Rally as GM Stalls Grievances

PONTIAC.—In the General Motors Truck and Coach plant, buildings 29, there was recently staged a dramatic demonstration against corporation stalling in settling grievances.

"Mule drivers," who drive small trucks throughout the plant picking up boxes and stock, decided that since the superintendent paid no attention to the union committeeman who has filed 150 grievances in that building, they would all go and see him.

From all parts of the building 14 "mule drivers" sped their little trucks towards a central objective—the super's office, parked in front of it, dismounted and all of them walked in to talk over the beefs.

The amazed company representative nearly fell over when he saw the trucks coverging on his office like a tank division heading towards the enemy lines.

In this building, which is newly constructed, there are no lunch wagons and no rest periods. Hundreds of other grievances remain unsettled.

In the Coach and Cab plant of which building 29 is part, a strike vote authorization was requested from the international officers some weeks ago. It was turned down on the grounds that beefs could be settled without strike action through the efforts of the "impartial" umpire.

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BUT THE REVOLT of the workers against the stepped-up speedup and refusal of the corporation to settle grievances is mounting here as well as in Ford's, Chrysler and the rest of the automotive industry.

The talk in Pontiac today is about the overwhelming strike vote of the Ford workers, the militant stoppages of the Kaiser-Krazer, Bendix, Chrysler and Briggs workers in the recent period.

The 20 percent increase in production being demanded of Flint GM workers, which was met in Chevrolet and Fisher Body with a strike vote, is being slipped in here in the GM plants in Pontiac.

AUTOTOWN ALLEY

by THE OLD-TIMER

STATE OF THE UNION

WALTER REUTHER suffered his greatest defeat last week in losing the Chicago International Harvester-McCormick plant to the CIO Farm Equipment Union by a score of 2,474 to 2,059.

The heavily-financed raid against FE-CIO, which had been the certified bargaining agency since 1941, cost UAW members a quarter of a million dollars, to quote Pat Greathouse, the UAW regional director in charge.

Full-page ads in the press, expensive radio programs, swarms of International $150-a-week representatives, a dozen sound trucks, bribes, millions of leaflets passed out at $10 an hour—all of this was poured into the Harvester drive by Reuther at the expense of the UAW rank and file all over the country.

Such is the fate of Reuther's Raiders.

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Local 200, UAW-CIO, Windsor, Canada, last week sent $1,000 to the progressive Canadian Seamen's Union after hearing reports that 300 members of Seamen's Int. Union (AFL) were flown by plane from New York to Halifax, Nova Scotia, to act as strikebreakers. The CSU is striking at Halifax with 80 ships tied up.

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Something for Michigan labor to follow is the "Fight the Depression" Conference of united labor and the community being held in the city of Akron, Ohio this week, called by Goodyear local No. 5, CIO Rubber Workers. The agenda has two points: for a 25 cents an hour increase and a program to stop layoffs.

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Pittsburgh comes word that the CIO Steel Workers Union leadership is employing FBI agents who are in touch with other G-Men working for the steel companies. The news of this comes from an article by one Malcolm Douglas in the Post-Gazette's Tri-State magazine, April 3.

According to the article John Leahy of Brookline, a suburb of Pittsburgh, was an FBI agent from 1940 to 1948, "specializing in ferreting out Communists in labor unions."

"Wm. J. Hart, Director of District 19 of the United Steel Workers of America, recognized the need for such ability and in June of last year Mr. Leahy resigned from the FBI to go to work for the union," says the article.

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POLITICOS

George Edwards, Socialist-ADA candidate for Mayor in the coming city elections, visited the office of Fred Gaertner, managing editor of the viciously anti-labor Detroit News and was told that if he (Edwards) would go along with the idea of appointing former Mayor Edward Jeffries to be the next police commissioner, then the News would support Edwards for Mayor.

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Memo to Red Rolfe, manager of Tigers: Johnny Groth is sure hitting that ball, but that big hole at first base still needs to be filled, and we know just the guy to fill it. Out on the Coast playing for the San Diego Padres is Luke Easter, first baseman, the most outstanding Negro ball player outside the major leagues at present. Cleveland owns him, but if you want a first baseman he can be gotten.

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Outside the UAW Int. headquarters there is a parking lot. One section of it is chained in. Inside the chained part is a car, an armored car that looks like a hearse—that's the $12,000 job that Reuther rides in. And you UAW members should know that Emil Mazey will come into the Milwaukee UAW convention proposing a raise in dues.

FE raiding and armored cars at $12,000 eat up funds.

Demands for strike authorization against speedup have been pouring into UAW headquarters at such a rate, that Mazey, who sent Bendix workers back to work, also tried to send Briggs-Connor and Midland Steel in the same direction, finally gave up and called for a special Exec. Board meeting to handle the rising tide.

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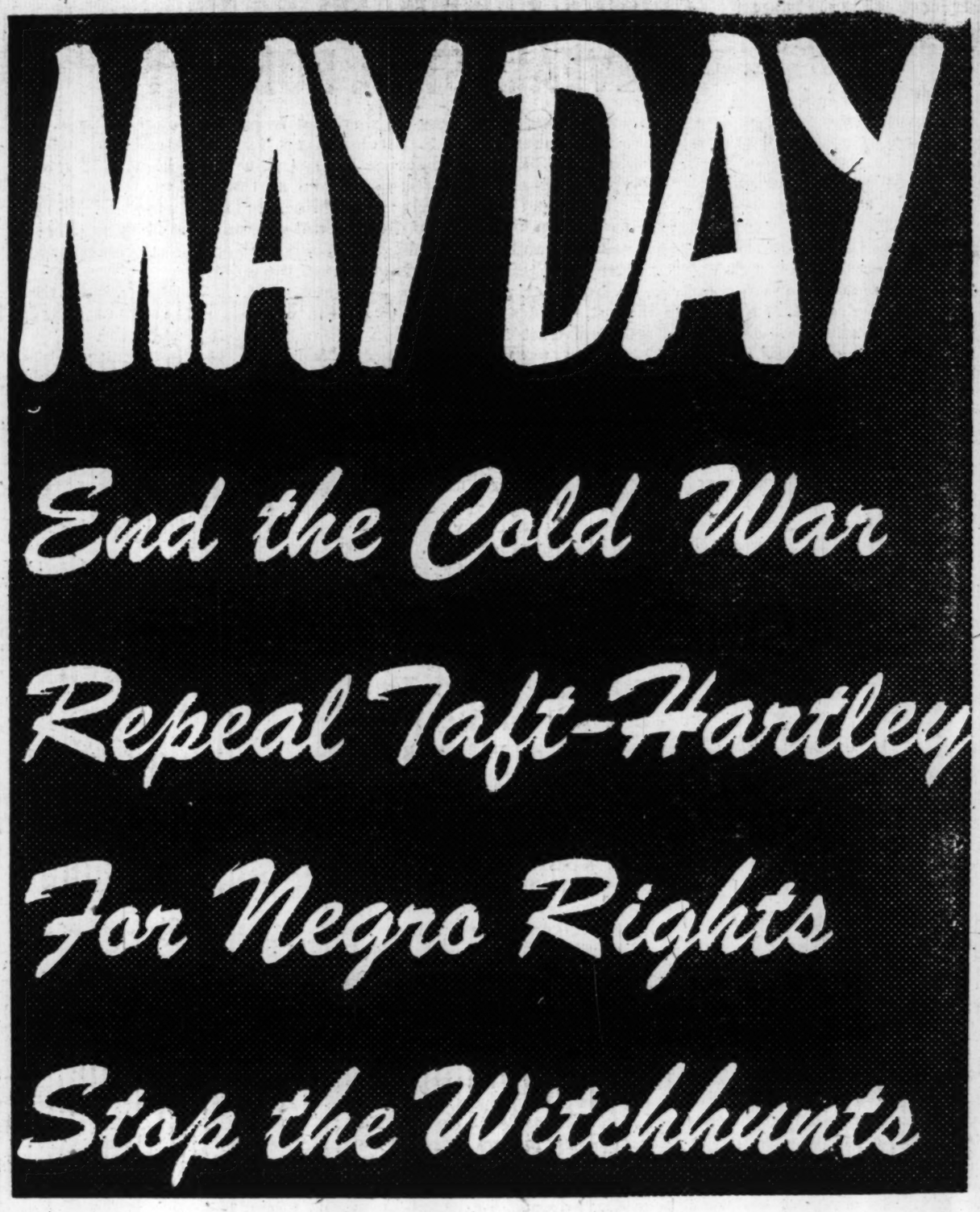
The fighting Councilman from Manhattan, who is also a defendant in the trial of the Communist leaders, announces his intention to seek reelection. —See Page 4

What Next in Free China?

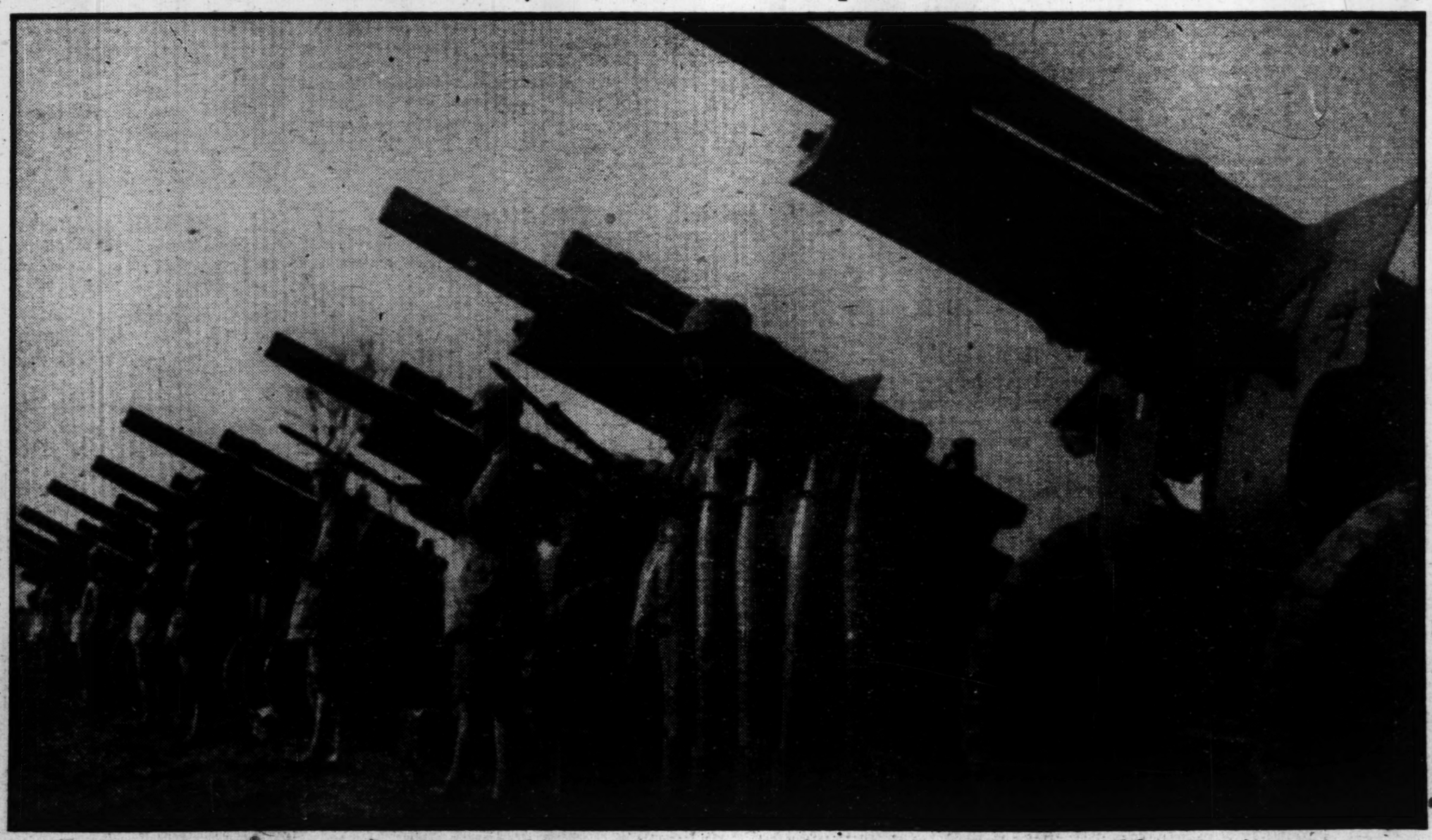
While the Liberation Armies carry out Mao Tse-tung's Order of the Day, a Communist spokesman predicts sure victory, then swift industrialization. —See Page 5

Peace Congress Achievements

There were plenty of misrepresentations about the Paris Peace Congress, but the sessions produced a solid list of achievements for peace. —See Page 3



Chinese Liberation Army Unit with Captured U. S. Made Artillery



A mechanized unit of the Eastern China People's Liberation Army with U. S.-made heavy artillery captured from Kuomintang troops.

Letters from the Open Hearth

Steelworkers 'Give' Company $500

'Incentive Plan' Gyps Men at U. S. Steel Of $500 Yearly

HOMESTEAD

Dear Editor:

The men in the table crew of the 100-inch furnace mill are just waking up to the fact that U. S. Steel is robbing them of close to $500 dollars a year by its tricky "incentive law."

Here's how they figure:

They receive 1949 wages only on part of the slabs they turn out. Of this, they put out 280 five pass slabs with 45 changes. They receive '49 rate on these. For all slabs over 280, the pay is figured on the old 1937 rate.

So a depiler operator gets $1.25 and hour for the first 280 slabs for an eight-hour turn. Over the 280 slab output per turn, he gets only 62½ cents an hour. He gets the 1949 wage only on part of the steel they turn out. **But all the slabs he produces gets sold at 1949 prices!**

The average trick worked in 1949 amounted to 11 pay hours. So the guys in the 100-inch mill are losing $1.89 a day or about $500 a year. For not one penny won by the union since 1937 has gone to raise the incentive rate.

The table crew is wising up. They are starting to fight for the elimination of this 1937 wage level for payment on incentive hours. "All pay hours at prevailing wage rate" is their demand.

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Speedup Cuts Pay In 100-Inch Mill

HOMESTEAD

Dear Editor:

This company (U. S. Steel) sure is taking us for a ride.

Out in the Furnace Roll Table Crew the bosses used to dish out the blarney of how we workers would make more money by speeding up production. Lately, however, they've cut out a lot of this gum-beating.

Here's why: **Just recently, one turn in the 100-inch will produce 1,700 tons of plates. A few days later, another shift turned out 1,100 tons of plates. But guess which shift got more pay? The gang that turned out the lesser number of plates. They received 13.1 pay hours compared to the 12 hours pay of the crew that turned out the 1,700 plates.**

This is possible because the incentive plan pays off on the number of changes in the production of plates. All the company has to do is to produce steel in bigger and bigger lots with less and less changes per pass to whittle away at our wages.

No wonder when you mention "incentive" out here, the guys get sore.

HOMESTEAD STEELWORKER

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Demands Union Fight Jimcrow in Steel

PITTSBURGH

Dear Editor:

When the company and the union both practice discrimination it's time to call a halt!

The Jones & Laughlin Co. can always trot out a company publication pointing out that it gives all its workers an even break.

But with all its sweet talk, it cannot cover up the fact that the bosses discriminate against us Negro steelworkers most viciously.

No Negro workers here have jobs like: crane operator, dinkey engineers, pipefitters, millwrights, carpenters, bricklayers, roll turners, machinists, electricians, bottom makers, heaters or rollers.

We've got **ONE** Negro in the Rigger Department, and **ONE** working as a welder. A couple of second helpers, but there is no us did crack the ice to become Negro first helper in the open hearths.

We used to look to the union to carry the ball for us in this fight for Negro upgrading. Back in '35 when the CIO got rolling, the emphasis of the organizers on the struggle for rights of Negroes got plenty of us to sign up.

I can remember reading how Phil Murray spoke up for equality at the 1946 convention of the CIO.

"We ask no man his national origin, his color, his religion or his beliefs. It is enough for us that he is a steelworker and that he believes in unionism," Murray said —then.

But where is that progressive trade union policy today?

As far as I know, we don't have a Negro staff man in the whole Pittsburgh area. Yet one-fifth of the United Steelworkers' membership is black.

It's time to bring that CIO spirit of '36 back to life.

J&L WORKER

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White and Negro Workers Fight Homestead Ghetto

HOMESTEAD

Dear Editor:

We're starting to lick jimcrow down here.

I'm a Negro steelworker employed by U. S. Steel. In the open hearths, the bosses put the Negro workers in the cinder pits during the summer when the heat is unbearable. But during winter, out we go.

In February, notice was posted for three cinder pitmen vacancies in Open Hearth No. 4. Five Negroes applied for this job, which pays $1.41 an hour as compared to $1.27 we get on the labor gang.

I know two of the Negroes in Open Hearth No. 4 who have twice the seniority of white workers slated for these jobs. Nonetheless, the bosses tried to give the three jobs to three white workers with much less seniority.

But some of the white guys know what the score is. They say violation of seniority is a threat to all. (If the company can get away with it on Negroes, the seniority rights of the white workers are also in danger.)

So these progressive white brothers hit the foreman to reinforce our own Negro protests. That foreman sure wriggled by saying, "It's out of my hands."

But he did finally agree to let Negro and white men alternate in filling the pitman vacancies on a "temporary" basis.

Now we're out to complete the victory.

NEGRO STEELWORKER

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Union's Own T-H Law Humiliates Steelworkers

PITTSBURGH

Dear Editor:

A discussion on the wage demands of the steelworkers union in the coming negotiations is out of order.

That's what the grievance man from zone 10 of Local 1272, CIO United Steelworkers, at the South Side works of the J & L said at the last meeting of the local union, April 14.

The men in the open hearth wonder who John Toth is speaking for when he says things like that.

Has it reached the point when only "King" Murray and the wage policy committee can talk about a wage demand? Do we go to the union meetings just to vote "ja"?

Another point which has the men wondering. There was an election of a delegate to the state convention of the CIO. The executive board comes into the meeting with a pledge that they asked the three candidates to take: that they didn't belong to any subversive organization working against the interests of the nation or the principles of the union.

Imagine workers having to stand up and be humiliated by this kind of baloney, real insults actually. This is the steelworkers' Taft-Hartley and stinks to high heaven.

J&L OPEN HEARTH WORKER

ONLY PENNA. WORKER REVEALS STEEL ROBBERY

The biggest robbery of them all is exposed on this page.

A number of U. S. Steel workers in Homestead are being robbed of $500 a year because the company pays them 1937 rates for part of the steel that is being sold at 1949 prices.

Rank and file workers are fighting the steel trust and Philip Murray's top union leadership on the upgrading of Negroes.

These and other struggles of Pennsylvania steelworkers are reported on this page in letters from the mills.

No other paper prints this news. Yet, it is the story of the biggest robbery in the history of the world—a robbery that netted the steel trust alone over 575 millions in profits last year.

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Class Angles

By Catherine Frost

Realtors' Hearts Bleed For 'Widders And Orphans'

PHILADELPHIA

SOMETIMES we forget what tender hearts the real estate interests of this city really have.

We remember other things about the real estate men.

We remember that the fewer homes there are, the more the real estate men profit . . . the more their disease-breeding, crime-breeding slums pay off in gilt-edged rents.

We remember that the real estate interests with their highpriced publicity and lobbying staffs, have succeeded year after year in halting public housing . . . in keeping homeless people homeless . . . in squeezing war veterans into rooming houses, trailer camps, and spare bedrooms in their families' homes.

We remember the jimcrow policies of the real estate men. We remember that, by maintaining lily-white neighborhoods, the real estate interests haul in superprofits from the overcrowded segregated Negro areas, where every tiny living space is at a premium.

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IN REMEMBERING all these things, we tend to forget—as we mentioned above — what tender hearts beat in the real estate breast.

Only recently, however, we were reminded of those tender hearts—and from no less authoritative a source than spokesmen of the Philadelphia Real Estate Board itself.

The real estate interests, it seems, have bleeding hearts for this city's veterans. So the public was given to understand in an advertisement in the **Evening Bulliten** sponsored by the Philadelphia Real Estate Board and other realty interests.

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THE ADVERTISEMENT was actually a protest against a proposed increase in real estate assessments for the public schools. But naturally, the real estate men would never hint that they don't want higher taxes because it would cut into their profits.

Nothing of the kind! On purely philanthropic grounds, they don't want the tax because it would bring hardship to home-owning veterans!

"Many of our veterans have



been forced to buy a set monthly carrying base to get a roof over their heads," explains the ad, and worries that the increased tax would cause "greater hardship and distress."

They are also concerned about "widows and orphans." Only Philip N. Arnold, former president of the Philadelphia Real Estate Board, who told us about it, pronounced it "widders and orphans," as he chewed a fat brown stogie between his teeth.

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ARNOLD we saw and heard on a television program, the University of Pennsylvania Round Table Discussion, on the subject of the new rent control law.

He thinks even this weak shadow of a law still persecutes landlords. And, he hastened to add, he wasn't concerned about the big landlord —it was the small landlord he was thinking of, the "widders" and orphans, who would lose all their investments and savings.

Such a tender heart has Mr. Arnold! Such tender hearts have his brothers in the real estate racket!

Almost as tender as the Wall Street financiers and their Truman puppets, whose hearts bleed for poor Europe—as they move in and take over Eurpean countries and pack away atom bombs to insure their investments.

Quill Sellout Makes 8c Hike a Dud for PTC Men

PHILADELPHIA.—When Mike Quill, president of the CIO Transport Workers Union, sold out the striking PTC workers for an eight-cent-an-hour increase last February, he didn't tell them about loopholes in the new contract which enables the company to cut into the slight gains and pocket the pennies the workers thought they had won.

These gimmicks are in the contract because Quill ignored the workers' angry demands for improved conditions. The PTC will gain and the workers lose—in cash —through company minipulation of working hours and work loads.

THE FIRST large group to feel the bad effects of the new contract are 700 maintenance-of-way men, mostly Negro, who maintain the company's street equipment, including surface and subway-elevated tracks.

In a change of working conditions, brought about by the new contract and scheduled to go into effect Sunday, April 24, these men are being shifted from a five-day-week, Monday through Friday, to a seven-day-week.

Though still working only five days, they will now put in Saturdays and Sundays as regular workdays—automatically eliminating weekend overtime payments which they have always collected in the past.

ONE OF THESE maintenance men estimated roughly that his pay will be cut over the year by about three cents an hour through this new system.

Furthermore, with traffic slow on Saturdays and Sundays, the company can speed these men up —getting them to lay more tracks for less money, since no overtime is paid.

No overtime pay for Saturdays and Sundays has for many years been a PTC rule for its transportation workers. Now, through the help of Quill, the company is applying the same rule to maintenance-of-way men, and, it is feared, may try to extend the same principle to the 1,500 to 2,000 maintenance men in the repair shops.

DESPITE opposition of rank and file workers, the grievance of the maintenance-of-way men has been taken to arbitration at the insistence of Quill, cohort, Andrew Kaelin, president of TWU Local 234.

Many workers declare, however, that the fight should be conducted directly with the company. They are calling for a publicity campaign to show the public how PTC maneuvers to cut their wage increase while it clamors for higher fares—using "high wages" as a pretext.

Rally in Pittsburgh by CRC for Ingrams, '6'

PITTSBURGH. — The Civil Rights Congress is sponsoring a defense rally Wednesday night, May 4, at the Wesley Center A M E Zion Church, 2701 Centre Ave., for the Ingram and New Jersey "Trenton Six" cases. Wm. Patterson, national secretary of the Congress, will be the main speaker.

Butterworth Tours Nation On 'Thought Control' Danger

PHILADELPHIA.—Ralph Butterworth, who was fired from the University of Washington because of his alleged Communist affiliations, brought the fight for academic freedom to seven universities and colleges in this last week. His visit was part of a nationwide tour to arouse students and faculty to the danger of thought-control on the country's campuses.

All honest teaching is threatened, Butterworth warned, if colleges and school administrations, pressured by war-minded big-business trustees, are permitted to fire competent teachers because of their political thinking.

The former University of Washington professor spoke here, under the sponsorship of the Civil Rights Congress, at Temple, Penn, Swarthmore, Tyler, Penn State, Lehigh, and the Medical Students Forum, composed of students from four medical schools.

Phila. to Greet Europe Leaders at Arena Peace Rally

PHILADELPHIA.—Thousands of Philadelphians are expected to jam The Arena, next Tuesday, May 3, to deliver their answer to the North Atlantic war alliance and welcome Henry Wallace in his first visit here since the elections. Added to their voices will be those of representatives of five European nations being driven down the path of aggression and war—France, Italy, Belgium, Britain and Norway.

Also scheduled to speak at the Unite for Peace Rally, sponsored by the Progressive Party, W. E. B. DuBois, famed Negro historian and scholar, who was in Paris for the World Peace Conference.

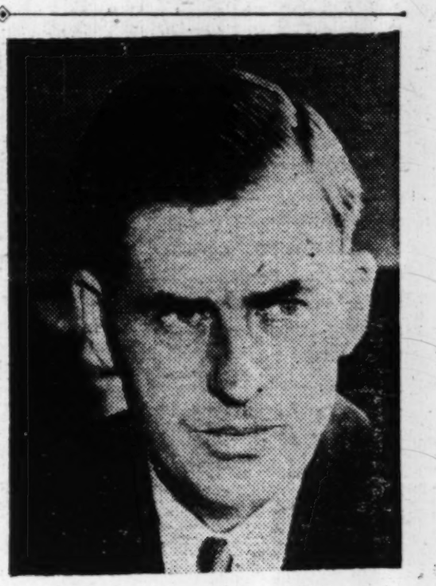
Wallace and his guests are coming to Philadelphia as part of a nation-wide tour to discuss a foreign policy. For peace, Wallace has stated that with the press, the radio and most other forms of communication suppressing all free and honest discussion of vital issues like atom bomb diplomacy, the Atlantic Pact, etc., the people have no place to go for a free discussion of foreign policy except to such meetings as this.

The speakers from abroad include Pierre Cot, independent member of the French Chamber of Deputies, Michele Giua, left-Socialist Senator from Italy, Lester Hutchinson, Left Labor Member of the British Parliament.

An indication of the concern with which the U. S. State Department fears free and open discussion of its policies was seen in the machinations involving visas for the foreign speakers.

Progressive Party leaders have revealed that visas to Hutchinson and Giua were granted only after Wallace had accused Secretary of State Dean Acheson of deliberately attempting to evade action on the visa application until April 27, when the visitors are scheduled to arrive.

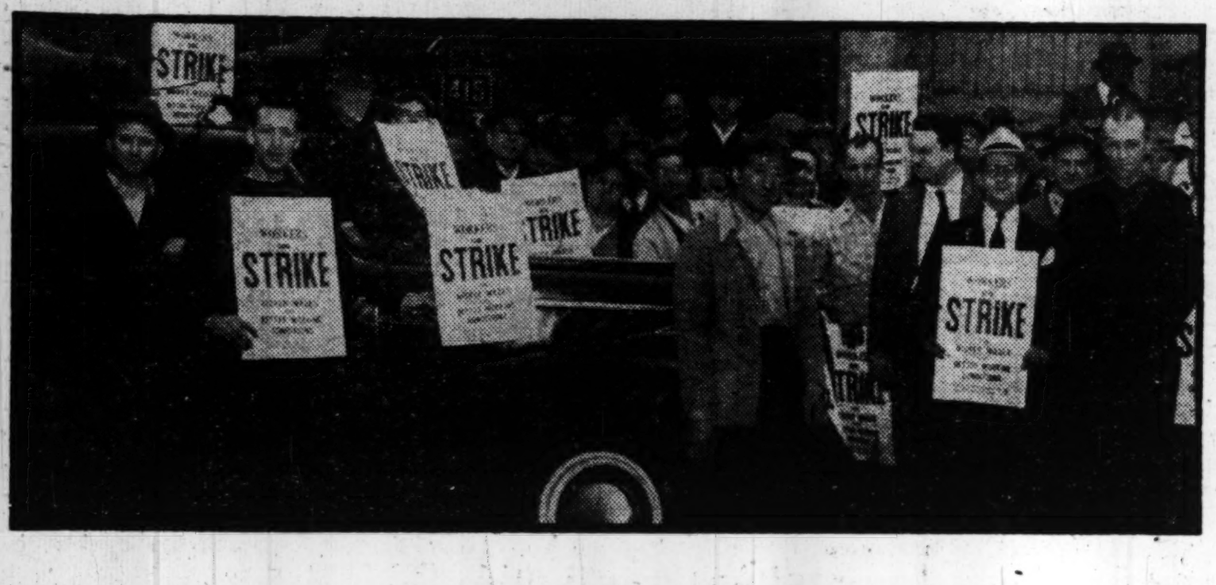
A visa to Cot was denied.



HENRY A. WALLACE



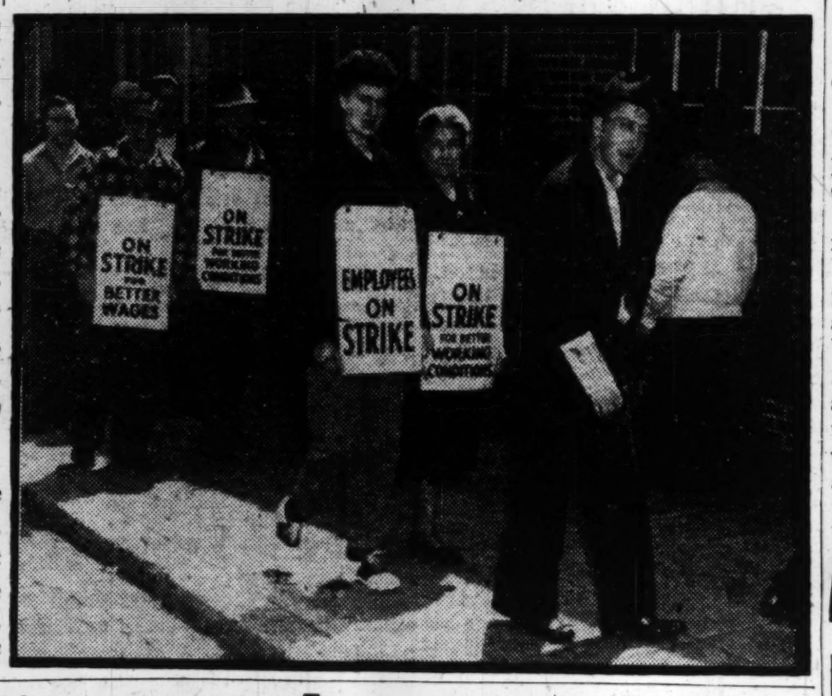
W. E. B. DuBOIS



AS MAY DAY, 1949, approached, two progressive-led unions in Philadelphia were spearheading the battle of all labor in the area for higher wages, despite high unemployment in their industries.

Above, employes of E. Hubschman & Sons, leather manufacturers, mass on the 14th day of their strike to prevent foremen from entering the plant at Fourth and Callowhill Sts. They are members of Leather Local 30, CIO Fur and Leather Workers.

(Right) 26 workers at the Globe Metal Co., 2806 E. Pacific St., picket their plant on the 16th day of their strike for a substantial wage increase. They are members of Local 155, CIO United Electrical Workers. Other shops under contract with this local granted wage increases recently as workers were about to strike.



Gov. Duff Loves the People! (In 'Aesopian Language')

"Aesopian language," according to stool-pigeon Louis Budenz, is language which says one thing and means another.

HARRISBURG.—As the Legislature goes home for two years, leaving the people of this Commonwealth with not enough homes, not enough jobs, not enough relief, not enough unemployment compensation, not enough schools, not enough teachers, and too much brass. . . .

Pennsylvanians can brag of one thing:

Their Governor, the Honorable James Duff, has raised the art of "Aesopian language" to the nth degree.

When he stated, in his opening January address to the Legislature, that this commonwealth must have FEPC legislation, the ordinary person might have thought from his words that he meant this Commonwealth must have FEPC legislation.

But the Legislators knew better. They guessed His Excellency was talking "Aesopian language" and what he really meant was **"FEPC legislation must be killed."**

They killed the FEPC bill in committee. Quoth Governor Duff: **"I have no criticism."**

In that same speech to the Legislature, Governor Duff proclaimed the commonwealth must assume responsibility for housing the homeless. Those unfamiliar with gubernatorial "Aesopian language" naturally assumed the Governor favored state subsidies to public housing.

Judging from Harrisburg happenings, what Duff **really** meant was: let's propose a housing bill without public housing, and then see that even that bill is killed in committee.

Governor Duff, apparently, is an expert at "Aesopian language." It's easy to see that what he **seemed** to promise in January for the welfare of the people of Pennsylvania has very little to do with what was **actually** legislated in Harrisburg **against** the people of Pennsylvania.

Methodists Condemn U.S 'Cold War' Policy

SCRANTON.—The Wyoming Annual Conference of the Methodist Church is the latest of many church and other Pennsylvania groups to express disapproval of the North Atlantic Pact.

The Methodists at their meeting here last week, presided over by **Bishop Ered Corson** of Philadelphia, in effect accused the government of bypassing the United Nations in signing the Atlantic Pact.

The report of the **Committee on World Peace,** unanimously adopted, declared:

"We call upon our government to give fullest support to the United Nations, and to refrain from initiating or consenting to policies and pacts that are outside its framework."

The report also condemned the "present policy of military leadership in our Government (as) a most dangerous practice."

It declared that "power politics are endangering the peace;" and that "we as a people collectively and individually are guilty of aggravating the cold war psychology."

The press was requested to beware of overplaying news that is obviously inflammatory and prejudicial to harmony and understanding between nations.

May Day Greetings to the People's Champion in the Fight for Civil Rights and Peace
Oakland, Pittsburgh, Pa., Community Club and Professional Club

May Day Greetings to our Daily and Sunday Worker *from the* Electrical and Steel Workers of Farrell and Sharon, Pa.

May Day Greetings to the Daily and Sunday Worker from The City of the Pearl of the Sea. ERIE, PA.

Jenkins Appeal for New Trial Heard

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Refusal to Send Negro To Chain Gang Upheld

PITTSBURGH.—Judge Henry Ellenbogen of Common Pleas Court has reaffirmed a decision previously handed down by Judge Samuel Weiss refusing to extradite to Georgia James Moreland, 32, a Negro fugitive from the chain gang.

Negro Bystander Brutally Beaten By Louisiana Cops

NEW ORLEANS, La. — On Sunday, April 10, the Young Progressives conducted an outdoor registration school at the corner of Melpomene and Freret. At a table on the sidewalk they had literature and posters. Three or four attendants explained to inquirers what they had to do in order to register and vote.

A squad car pulled up, and the two policemen in it growled: "What you tryin' to do, teach these people rights?" (One policeman's badge was No. 665.) When they asked Frank Ervin, white student at the table, if he were there alone, he said "Yes" to protect his three Negro co-workers.

Samuel Spears, 40, a Negro resident of the neighborhood, living at 3831 Duplessis St., stopped at the table to look at the display. Spears is not a member of the Progressive Party, and was a complete stranger to the Young Progressives at the outdoor booth.

One of the cops gruffly told Spears to "move on," then the other cop said, "Kick that n----r!" Spears, about to move on, looked around. The first cop grabbed him by the collar, and Spears put up his hand to protect his sunglasses, expecting a blow.

"Oh, so you're resistin' arrest, hey?" the cop said.

"I ain't resistin' arrest, officer," Speers said.

The Young Progressives present testify that Spears did not resist or fight back. He is a small man, about 5 ft. 6 in. in height and weighing about 142 pounds.

Miss Judy Smith, one of the people in charge, phoned the executive secretary of the C. R. C. He at once tried every method to save the man from the beating that we have come to expect whenever the police arrest a Negro, whatever the cause. The desk sergeant at Precinct 2 said Spears had not yet been booked.

Meanwhile Mrs. Samuel Spears tried to get help from Henry Hennessey, proprietor of the Hennessey Optical Goods concern, 427 Penn St., where her husband had been employed as a porter for more than two years. Finally, Mr. Hennessey went down to the Second Precinct and heard the police side of the case. His action was to fire Spears forthwith.

As Spears tells the story, the two arresting officers started to beat him as soon as they got him in the precinct. The desk sergeant interupted the beating long enough to take Spears' name and address, and other routine questions. Then the beating was resumed. Five policemen took part. "A policeman hit me with a billy, and then another policeman hit me. They hit me from behind, from the side, from everywhere. They knocked me down and kicked me. The desk sergeant kicked me in the chin. Then they stomped on me."

Then the guardians of the law, Spears says, took him up to a cell and left him there, raw and bleeding, without treatment, till the next day. At 11:15 a.m. Tureaud, a lawyer, got him paroled. At once Spears was taken to Charity Hospital, examined and X-rayed, and it was found that in addition to bruises and contusions and a cut chin, he had a burst ear drum.

Pepper Backs War Pact, Floridians Denounce Him

TAMPA, Fla.—In a strongly-worded statement to Sen. Claude Pepper of Florida a number of prominent civic leaders urged the Senator to act and speak out against the North Atlantic Military Alliance. They declared that the NAMA "is subjecting the nation to the continually increasing danger of disastrous and wholly unnecessary war."

Sen. Pepper has already publicly declared that he favors the alliance. He even went further and stated that, following the ratification of the alliance by the Senate, military aid must be given to those countries that signed the Alliance.

This saber-rattling and warmongering by Sen. Pepper is finding widespread opposition in liberal and progressive circles in Florida. Many former Pepper supporters have learned that Pepper left the progressive camp and has become a front-man for the Truman administration



SEN. CLAUDE PEPPER

The movement against Pepper and the NAMA is growing in Florida. Among the signers of the statement to Pepper are: Col. Raymond Robins, Brooksville; Jack Kofoed, columnist, Miami Herald; John H. Reynolds, Assistant Professor of Social Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville; Prof. Guy G. Becknell, University of Tampa; M. A. Soper, Pastor (Methodist); John M. Coe, State Chairman, Progressive Party; William R. Stevenson, Minister Union Congregational Church, Jacksonville; Edward G. Maxted, Episcopal Minister, Retired, Warrington; Max Selig, Teacher, Winter Park; John R. Reed, secretary RSCE, Apopka; Gerald Gilbert Gavorchin, Assistant Professor of History, University of Miami; W. M. Mullen, Sebring; Elbert Russell, St. Petersburg.

Murray's Anti-Negro Aides Try to Destroy Mine Union

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union (CIO) has demanded that Philip Murray immediately convene a special meeting of the CIO Executive Board to hear charges against Murray's United Steel Workers for terroristic, anti-Negro raiding in this area. The raiding occurred in a consent election of Tennessee Coal and Iron Company ore miners in this area April 21.

The steel union's campaign, handled by Murray's personal representative, Nick A. Zonarich, included open conspiracy with the company; a United States Steel Company subsidiary, and a fascist-like reign of terror that resulted in putting Maurice Travis, secretary-treasurer of the International Mine, Mill Union, into the hospital badly injured and facing the probability that he will be permanently blinded.

Company union elements, including many who did not deny charges that they were active Ku Klux Klansmen, were used by paid staffmen of the United Steel Workers of America to start a lily-white secession movement in five TCI locals of the Mine, Mill Union three months ago. Murray issued the secessionists charters as CIO Industrial locals. The movement finally resulted in a consent election on April 21.

Murray sent Zonarich here to take charge and as the result of a reign of terror by gangs of hoodlums, led by Zonarich, the vote went against Mine, Mill, 2,696 to 2,233. The Negro workers, in the face of a red-baiting and Negro-baiting campaign by the raiders, voted solidly for Mine, Mill. Gangs of hoodlums, led by Zonarich and Bob Christopherson, a CIO Southern Drive employee, terrorized workers.

The telegram sent to Murray, signed by International MM&SW president John Clark and International vice presidents Reid Robinson and Orville Larson, declared:

"We are confident that the members of the United Steel Workers of America and all other members of CIO do not wish to see their per capita spent on gangster union busting. This attack on our union in the South is especially despicable since your representatives have been using the race issue to divide the iron ore miners in the face of an outstanding fight against racial discrimination by our union. Also participating in the attack were the leaders of the company unions outlawed by the Wagner Act, who are now members of the United Steel Workers of America."

Terror marked the entire campaign. One Mine, Mill staff member was kidnapped and held for several hours and the union office was entered and ransacked. One white ore miner who was an election observer declared that threats were made to workers even at the voting booths. "It was the most unfair thing I have ever seen," he said. "It was un-American."

This Steel Worker Union campaign to split white workers away from Mine, Mill by terror and Negro-baiting is clearly a part of the long term strategy of the TCI company. For several years the company has been hiring mostly white workers to shift the percentage of Negro - white composition.

Kentucky Students Vote on Segregation

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Three proposals for ending racial and religious discrimination on the campus of the University of Louisville have been voted down by the student body.

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OF THE 5,000 members of the student body, 2,136 voted, which is a record for the University of Louisville. Also unprecedented was the fact that a Negro student of Louisville Municipal College (the jimcrow college of the University of Louisville) was a member of the committee of three who counted the ballots. By this act, though by the back door, Negroes were admitted to the student management of the joint affairs of the colleges which make up the University of Louisville.

Spokesmen for the progressives said that the fight has only begun and this election represents the first gun in an active campaign to abolish discrimination from the campus, to end the present jimcrow situation where Negro students are segregated into the Municipal College and denied the facilities and barred from the social life of the university as a whole. Louisville progressive stutend to interest students in other Kentucky universities and colleges in the fight against discrimination and chauvinism.

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THE FIGHT began when Lyman Johnson, a teacher in a Louisville high school, brought suit in federal court to gain admittance to the University of Kentucky Graduate School at Lexington, Ky. Federal Judge Church Ford ruled that the University of Kentucky would have to admit Johnson as a student and accord him the privileges accorded other students.

Besides Judge Ford's ruling, two other factors favor the possibility that Kentucky's infamous Day Law (the law which bars whites and Negroes meeting together in school and elsewhere) may become a dead letter. They are: People of Negro ancestry have already matriculated at the University of Kentucky as exchange students from foreign countries. And scouts for the "Wildcats" basketball team have their eyes on a couple of star Negro netmen.

CIO Would Expel Pleader for Peace

HOUSTON, Tex. — Instead of eliminating jimcrow practices at its meetings and fighting for "pork-chop" issues of the workers, the CIO council here is trying to expel a member who signed a letter calling for an end to the cold war.

At its last meeting, the Council drew up charges against Jacqueline Nelson, Business Agent of Local 75, Food, Tobacco, and Agricultural Workers Union (FTA), and appointed a special trial committee.

Miss Nelson was charged with violating the section of the Council Constitution which prohibits membership in the Council to "persons who subscribe to Nazi, Fascist, or Communist principles, or participate in activities supporting these principles," and with "bringing the CIO Council into ill repute through various communicative letters."

The letter referred to was an open letter to President Truman, Secretary of State Dean Acheson, and Senator Tom Connally, calling for a change in our foreign policy from one of "cold war" to one of peace. The open letter denounced the Atlantic Pact and called on President Truman to accept the offer of the Soviet Union to hold peaceful negotiations between the two countries to settle outstanding differences. This letter was signed by church, civic, labor, and professional leaders throughout Texas.

In a public statement distributed to thousands of workers throughout the Houston area, the Executive Board of Local 75, FTA, demanded that the charges against Miss Nelson be dropped. "Is red-baiting the way members of the Houston Area CIO Council cover up their failure to fight on pork chop issues"? the union statement asked. The FTA statement demanded to know why the CIO Council had not offered strike aid to the 600 FTA compress workers recently on strike; and why the Council has not drawn up a program for the fight against layoffs, speed-up, and for the 100 percent repeal of the Taft-Hartley law. The FTA statement criticized jimcrow at CIO Council meetings, and called on the Council "to spend its time on a constructive program for peace and preparation against the looming depression."

Wilkerson Tops May Day Program

RICHMOND, Va.—Dr. Doxey Wilkerson, noted educator, author and recent star witness in exposing the jimcrow, richman's Grand Jury system, will be the chief speaker at a May Day celebration here Sunday, May 1.



The celebration will take place at 3:30 p.m. at Price's Hall, 212 East Leigh Street.

Richmonders have been urged to come to the celebration to protest the recent brual killing of a Negro farmer in Charles City County, only 20 miles from Richmond, by an ABC Board Inspector. They have been invited to participate in the meeting to help win peace, jobs, security and to end segregation.

Also a special feature of the May Day celebration will be the showing of "Native Land," a special full-length feature film, in which Paul Robeson sings and narrates.

BIGOTS FORCE OUT COLLEGE PRESIDENT

RICHMOND, Va. — Dr. Riley B. Montgomery, President of the Lynchburg College resigned following criticisms by bigoted "white supremacists" because he permitted Negro students from the Virginia State College to have social contact with the white students at a weekend conference and social gathering last year.

The Negro students attended an inter-racial meeting on the Lynchburg College campus. After the meeting they were invited to join a dance sponsored by white students.

Since that time, Dr. Montgomery, who upheld the right of the races to get together, has been under fire by the local race haters.

Dr. Montgomery is to assume the presidency of the College of the Bible at Lexington, Ky.

Communists Urge May Day Turnout

PHILADELPHIA. — The Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania this week called upon all Communists, friends of the Party, and all progressives to mobilize on May Day, the international working class holiday to defeat the drive toward war and fascism.

May Day it is being marked by the Communist Party this year in Philadelphia at a series of street corner meetings throughout the city on Saturday, April 30.

The May Day mobilization culminates a week of intensive activity by Communists here. Fifty thousand copies of a special May Day aMnifesto was issued by the Communist Party to working men and women throughout Pennsylvania.

Ten thousand additional copies of The Pennsylvania Worker are being distributed in Eastern Pennsylvania this weekend and several thousands more copies in Western Pennsylvania as part of the May 1 mobilization.

In addition, indiyidual Communist cluus distriputed thousands of copies of a special mimeographed May Day leaflet in a number of communities and at shop gates.

Communist clups in the electrical industry also issued a special leaflet calling upon the electrical workers to join the fight against war and fascism.

Vet Layoffs Rise 50 Pct.

PITTSBURGH.—The latest report of the State Employment Service here shows a 50 percent increase in jobless veterans in Allegheny County over the end of last year. The figure now is 11,304 compared to 7,604 on Dec. 31, 1948.

Large-scale layoffs have hit the vets hard, particularly those who enlisted or were drafted before having jobs. Seniority of service regulates discharges under union contracts and since nearly all employers here have such contracts the vets are the first to lose their jobs.

Veterans graduating from vocational training schools are required by most employers to start at the lowest apprentice ratings. Since many vets are married and cannot exist on such low wages, the "disturbing" problem has had to be taken up by the state employment service with the Board of Education. Nothing has yet come out of these conferences

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Right-Wingers Play Into Westinghouse Co. Hands

By Dave Grant

EAST PITTSBURGH, Pa. — What makes the Westinghouse Electric Company so tough in 1949? This is the $64 question 16,000 members of Local 601, CIO United Electrical Workers, are today asking themselves. This is the first time since the union was organized that the Westinghouse Company has dared to embark upon such a brazen speedup and wage-cutting program within the plant.

The company's intentions are crystal clear. In 1947 they made a profit of $48,606,417. In 1948, after salting away $3,000,000 to take care of the company in bad times, their profits were $52,656,-351. In 1949 they intend to raise the ante no matter how much they have to squeeze out of the hides of the workers.

The members of Local 601 are not taking these attacks lying down. Work stoppages have taken place in one department after another. Special department meetings have been organized during work-grievances. The highlight of these struggles came on March 14, when the crane hook-ons in Section B-1 (Generator Division) went out on a work stoppage for two weeks.

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DESPITE this militant fighting spirit of the workers the Westinghouse Company keeps its speedup and wage-cutting program going full steam ahead. It is beginning to dawn upon the members of Local 601 that one of the main reasons for this situation is that the policies of the right-wing leadership of the Local, dominated by the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists (ACTU) and Father Charles O. Rice, are playing right into the hands of the Westinghouse Co.

Since it was installed in office, the right wing-ACTU leadership has given abundant proof that it has neither the ability or desire to fight the Westinghouse Company. Here is the clear-cut evidence to prove this:

As a result of the company's refusal to grant the demands of the hook-ons, the union membership voted an all-out fight against the company. The right-wing leadership appeared to be militantly in favor of such an all-out struggle. But it didn't take very long for them to show their true colors.

In preparing for a giant mass rally scheduled for April 19 (which was called off by the Executive Board because of bad weather) the Local's executive board adopted a resolution calling upon the membership to support a vigorous program of struggle to defeat the company's policies of speed-up, cutting classifications and slashing time values.

An amendment to the resolution was offered by chief shop steward Tom Fitzpatrick which called for requesting consultation and assistance from the international union. The amendment was defeated. The right-wing leaders evidently felt it was more important to use this situation for their own factional purposes than to unite the strength of the entire union in this crucial struggle against the Westinghouse Co.

FOLLOWING THIS, the local's recording secretary, Stanley R. Glass issued a statement to the Pittsburgh newspapers attacking the International Union..

Glass is only doing on a local scale what his leader James Carey, Secretary-Treasurer of the CIO, was revealed to be doing on a national scale. According to W. V. Merrihue, manager of employe and community relations of the General Electric Company, Carey approached that company in order to get their assistance to fight against the leadership of the International Union. Nationally and locally, the leaders of the Carey-Block-ACTU clique are proven to be seeking recognition as stooges for the big electrical companies.

Thousands Mobilize to Free Jenkins--Appeal Up

PHILADELPHIA. — Protests by tens of thousands of people has held up pronouncement of the death sentence against Bayard Jenkins since the 19-year-old Negro was convicted last Nov. 23 for a murder to which another man, Herbert Gulembo, white grave-digger, later confessed. A hearing on Jenkins' demand for a new trial was slated for last Wednesday in Room 653, City Hall, as this edition of the Pennsylvania Worker went to press.

Robert Nix, court-appointed attorney, was presenting the arguments for a new trial before presiding Judge Frank Smith and his associates.

The campaign for Jenkins' freedom was launched by the Pennsylvania Worker last November in a series of stories proving he was the victim of a police frameup.

A Free Jenkins Committee of church, civic and trade union officials is leading the campaign for the Negro youth's release, charging he is a victim of discrimination.



BAYARD JENKINS

Jenkins was found guilty of murdering Mrs. Kathryn Meller in her Girard Ave. apartment last June 7 on the sole basis of a forced police "confession" which he repudiated.

When Gulembo voluntarily came forward last Dec. 8 and admitted slaying Mrs. Meller in a detailed confession to Saginaw, Mich., police, Philadelphia officials cleared Gulembo and he later recanted.

However, the Pennsylvania Worker produced startling confirmation of Gulembo's confession from his brother-in-law. Even the Saginaw police expressed surprise that Philadelphia officials did not press for Gulembo's extradition.

Legislators Bar Pay Hike For Teachers

PHILADELPHIA. — Not a penny wage raise for public school teachers, no funds for desperately needed additional teachers, no funds for improved school equipment and new books. . . .

Just enough money to cover the public school's deficit from 1949 to 1951. . . .

That is the total of the increased funds which the Legislature has empowered the Board of Education here to levy through new sources of local taxation.

The inadequacy of the $5,000,-000 to $6,700,000 increase in school income has been scored even by certain members of the Board of Education itself.

This "solution" of the mounting financial problems of Philadelphia's schools was branded a "sell-out of the children of this city" by Francis P. Jennings, president of the CIO Teachers Union, in reporting the school tax deal to the Philadelphia Industrial Union Council.

The CIO here has been backing a state grant of $29,000,000 to Philadelphia schools, to be financed by higher taxes on corporation profits. The new local school taxes, empowered by the Legislature, are on real estate and gross receipts of business.

4 ACTUers Warned On Anti-Negro Violence

PITTSBURGH.—Alderman Harry B. Fitzgerald last week threatened four former members of the CIO United Electtrical Workers with maximum punishment if their threats of physical violence against a Negro worker were continued.

The four, are active in a faction dominated by the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists in a UE local at the Allis-Chalmers plant, which switched to the United Auto Workers. They were accused of attacking and making threats of physical violence against Herman Posey for remaining loyal to the UE.

Sit-Down Shows Miners Militant for 6-Hr. Day

Special to the Pa. Worker

LANSFORD, PA. — The recent 75-hour sit-down strike of 10 Anthracite miners, supported by 6,000 strikers above ground, is seen here as another bitter skirmish in the struggle for a six-hour day that is looming throughout the nation's coal fields.

The rank and file strike, which had been brewing for weeks, protested company attempts to stretch-out the work day. It was also aimed at getting action on piled-up grievances from the top leadership of the United Mine Workers.

The sit-downers left their ledge, 500 feet underground, on Friday morning, April 22, after they had been promised a meeting with John L. Lewis, UMW president.

"We want to take our grievance to the top and were willing to stay down until we got that right," said Andrew Yerack, one of the sit-downers.

The strike was one of dozens that have been taking place for months throughout both hard and soft coal areas. While immediate beefs have varied, the underlying issues in all these rank and file walk-outs have been the same: Protests against company efforts to make the miners pay through speedup and contract chiseling for the unemployment crisis that has hit 300,000 miners, according to Senator Edward Martin (R-Pa) with partial or total unemployment.

Practically all the walk - outs have also been directed at getting action from the top union leadership. The demand for the six-hour day is not an invention of John L. Lewis, as the newspapers like to make it appear. It is rooted in the needs of the miners, and the militancy they are showing, to maintain and improve their hard-won living standards in the face of a growing economic crisis.

The operators have made it clear that they will resist bitterly the six-hour day, no reduction in pay; increased health and welfare royalty payments, and other improvements the miners want.

Joseph Moody, president of the Southern Coal Producers Association, said his group wants a new contract that will be "more two-sided than it has been in the past."

It is not believed he means that a thousand of the operators are to be slaughtered, and 55,000 stockholders wounded, to balance the miners' yearly contribution to the production of the nation's basic source of energy.

Nor is it believed that operators are preparing to relinquish the biggest profits they have ever made, estimated at over 200 millions last year for the industry.

CULTURAL, TOPICAL AND OTHERWISE...

By Margaret Winslow

At the Arena, Tuesday night, May 3, Progressive Party "Unite for Peace" Rally. Speakers will include Henry Wallace, Pierre Cot and many others.

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NOW THAT the beautiful days are here, many of us feel the urge to get out into the country. For that back-to-nature urge, Nature Friends is haping a hike this Sunday (May 1). Meet at 9 a.m. at Rhawn and Oxford Ave. to take a trip to Bowmann's Hill—Washington Crossing.

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AT THE TRANSLUX, 15th-Chestnut—**Red Shoes Symphonie Pastorale**, a French picture, at the Princess Theatre, 10th & Market Sts.

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AT THE STUDIO, 16th & Market, until May 5—**Volpone**, the French adaptation of Ben Jonson's comedy, with Harry Baur and Louis Jouvet. Coming May 5th, **Quartet**, four short stories by Somerset Maugham. A. J. Arthur Rank production.

MAY 1 -- UNITE FOR PEACE, JOBS!

6-Hour Day, More Pay, Job Rights for Negroes

Peace--Not War Pacts; Free 12 CP Leaders

May Day, 1949, finds Pennsylvania workers lined up against the same enemy that workers throughout the world are battling against for peaceful, decent lives. Pennsylvania's billionaire steel, coal, railroad and electrical barons are saying "no" to the workers' wage and hour demands. The same Morgan, Mellon, du Pont & Co. financial giants are saying "no" to the peace demands of the people from Pittsburgh to France.

In Pennsylvania mines and mills; the Wall Streeters 'cold war' is already getting hot. Over 350,000 Pennsylvanians are out of work. Twice that number are working only part time. The miners are giving the lead to Pennsylvania workers in their determination to fight unemployment by winning a six-hour day.

Rank and file steelworkers are demanding wages be put first as the CIO United Steelworkers meet to formulate new contract demands.

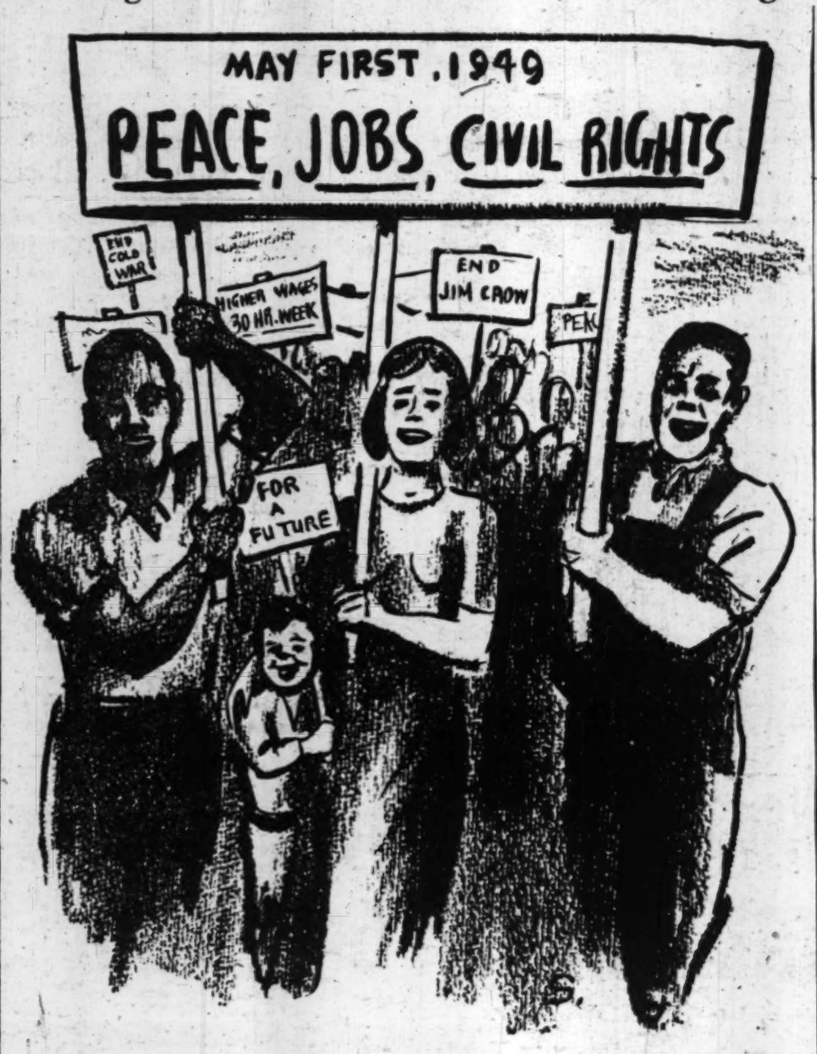
The CIO Electrical Workers are mobilizing their membership to meet unemployment with shorter work weeks, more money.

In most unions, the workers are up against not only the billionaire corporations, but their own top union leadership. The Philip Murray and Jim Careys and their followers talk the same 'cold war' line as the bosses.

Instead of militant leadership for the workers' needs in the shops, these "labor-lieutenants of the capitalist class" practice "labor-management collaboration," and red-baiting.

On this May Day, Pennsylvania workers have the support of the working-class movements that are growing stronger and stronger, from China to Greece throughout the world. More and more Pennsylvania workers see, through their own struggles in the shops, that **the "cold war" is really a class war—directed against them by the same billionaires that are losing out of their attempts to take over the rest of the world.**

The struggles for better wages and hours that are developing in the Keystone state are essentially struggles for peace. They are pitting Pennsylvania workers against the same billionaires that threaten peace everywhere.



Standard Oil (N.J.) Profit Million a Day

The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey averaged $1,000,000 a day in profits throughout 1948. Total profits of the Rockefeller-owned company reached an all-time high last year after taxes, according to its annual report released April 25. They stood at $365,604,976, or a little over a million for each day of the year.

The 1948 take represented a big increase over the previous year's record-setting profits. For 1947, the company had reported net profits of $268,626,580.

Refused 25¢ Hike

PHILADELPHIA.—The Home Builders Association has refused to grant a 25-cent wage increase demanded for 1949-50 by the AFL Building Trades Council, representing close to 100,000 construction workers in the Philadelphia area.

According to workers, the Council has voted to strike May 1 unless the wage hikes are granted.

Contract discussions, however, have been sidetracked to "fringe" issues. The employers have offered a three percent welfare fund, three paid holidays for 1949-50 and seven paid holidays for 1950-51. They are demanding a two-year contract.

Company Can't Give Steelmen Anything But Love . . . .

"Labor-management collaborating" has paid off so well for the steel barons that at this year's love feast of the steel union chiefs and Allegheny-Ludlum officials in the Brackenridge Country Club, the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin reports that the company paid the check.

The workers paid through layoffs and the announcement that the steel industry does not want to grant wage increases this year.

Relief Rolls Up

HARRISBURG.—Relief rolls increased by 13,420 persons, bringing the total to 341,567, according to latest statewide figures available for March. The increase is interpreted here as reflecting the continued rise in unemployment, which unofficial statewide estimates place at 350,000.

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Before our civil rights have disappeared . . .
Before the atombombs are unleashed . . .

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FRANCE: Pierre Cot, *former Minister of Aviation of France; Member of French Parliament*

ITALY: Michele Giua, *Left Socialist Member of Italian Parliament*

NORWAY: Mimi Sverdrup Lunden, *author, teacher and women's leader*

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Hold the Fort

Battle for Youth Is Battle for Future

THE CURRENT WAVE of layoffs has hit every workingclass group.

But hardest hit are the youth.

It is estimated that more than half of the 5,000,000 unemployed nationally are under 25. This ration holds true for Pennsylvania, as a visit to any unemployment office will testify. A large percentage of those laid off in electrical plants, steel mills, garment factories and in the coal areas are young men and women.

Of this group, Negro youth are the worst off. As young people and as Negroes they are traditionally the first to be fired and the last to be hired.

The number of unemployed youth will be increased still further by large high school and college graduation classes in June.

Where will they go. To whom will they turn?

This question must be answered by the progressive movement.

The old axiom, "He who wins the youth wins the future," is still valid. No less true is this: He who wins the working youth today, wins the workingclass of tomorrow.

The progressive movement in Pennsylvania is beginning to mobilize the youth to fight for their needs. Those young people want jobs, homes, peace. Capitalism offers them today only the army, unemployment, or jobs at wages undercutting older workers.

At present, Young Progressives are campaigning to gather 10,000 signatures in Eastern Pennsylvania on petitions demanding that Congressmen from this state back HR 3818, sponsored by Rep. Vito Marcantonio (Alp-NY).

This bill would extend and increase unemployment compensation benefits for veterans for the next two years. 52-20, as it is commonly known, expires July 25. More than 700,000 vets are collecting 52-20 today, while 1,017,000 have already exhausted their benefits.

The Young Progressives see their fight on 52-20 as a wedge toward winning unemployment compensation for high school graduates who have never held jobs and have no prospect of finding work, and are therefore ineligible for compensation under present statutes

The YPA's current campaign will culminate in a nationwide lobby for extension of 52-20 in Washington, May 23. On May 21 and 23, the YPA will hold a conference in the capital on the economic problems of the youth today.

In the words of YPA: "The fight for HR 3818 **is the fight for peace,** by diverting money from the $20,000,000 war budget to the **peacetime** needs of the youth. The threatening depression must be met, not by war contracts and alliances, but by providing jobs and education and homes for the youth and vets."

Thus, the young people, who would have to do the fighting in an imperialist war, are in the forefront of the battle to prevent that war.

ALL-WHITE JURY FREES 2 IN SWIMMING POOL CASE

PITTSBURGH. — An all white jury freed Emilio Sciullo and Fred Clemente, charged with inciting to riot during anti-Negro disturbances here last fall at the Highland Park Swimming Pool.

Clemente had been identified by Negro patrolman Charles Robinson as the hoodlum who kicked him in the chest and hit him in the eye when the policeman tried to disperse the mob gathered around the pool where a mixed group, Negro and white, were using the pool.

The gathering had been sponsored by the Young Progressives. Extra police protection had been asked by this group because of repeated threats of violence from the "Larimer Avenue Gang" to which both defendants are said to have belonged.

Attorneys for the defense continually appealed to the prejudices of the jury by pointing out that there was another pool designated by custom for Negro use.

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MAY DAY

End the Cold War

Repeal Taft-Hartley

For Negro Rights

Stop the Witchhunts

Chinese Liberation Army Unit with Captured U. S. Made Artillery



A mechanized unit of the Eastern China People's Liberation Army with U. S.-made heavy artillery captured from Kuomintang troops.

Leather Workers Set for Strike

PEABODY, Mass. — Seven thousand Massachusetts leather workers gave the tannery bosses a roaring demonstration of unity last week. A series of mass meetings backed up workers' demands for wage increases and bigger social benefits by authorizing the Strike Committee to call an immediate strike if bosses fail to cough up in negotiations.

The workers are represented by the militant Fur and Leather Workers Union, CIO. Four thousand union members unable to fit in any local hall roared unanimous authorization for the strike at an outdoor meeting. Mass meetings in Lynn and Norwood also voted unanimously in favor. Only split in the workers' ranks developed in the Woburn local. It wasn't serious; the meeting voted 400 to one in favor.

Workers rejected a weasling company offer of extending Blue Cross to families of one more paid holiday. They stuck by the wage demand.

The tremendous unity and fighting spirit of the workers has thrown a real scare into the Leather Manufacturers Association. Late rumors indicate the bosses have already increased their offer. The union is insisting on its original demands.

Peabody workers pulled a one-day stoppage to convince employers they were serious. The stoppage followed 25 hours of fruitless negotiating. Workers are ready to hit the bricks in earnest if necessary. Meanwhile negotiations were resumed under the Federal Mediation Service.

The agreement signed here will effect 115 Mass. tanneries. These tanneries made enormous profits during the war and sleaned up even more after OPA was knifed. The bosses are still making a handsome profit. In 1948 declared dividends on leather stocks were 10 percent higher than in 1947. Leather profits are above the average for American industry.

MAY DAY MEETINGS SET FOR 4 CITIES

Today's May Day, the workers' holiday. To mark it, May Day meetings have been scheduled across Massachusetts. American workers have a lot of problems to act on this year, and these meetings will take them up.

WORCESTER'S meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, at 2:30 p.m. Otis Hood, New England Chairman of the Communist Party, will speak on the Common. All other meetings take place May 1.

In BOSTON, the United May Day Committee has scheduled an open-air rally in Dorchester's Franklin Park at 2:30 p.m.

In SPRINGFIELD, Worker Foreign Editor Joseph Starobin will speak at a CP meeting in the Highland Hotel at 8 p.m.

In NEW BEDFORD, Anne Burlak, leader of many textile struggles, and Joe Figueirido, co-author of the CP textile pamphlet, will speak at the IOOF Hall, Kempton and Foster Sts., at 7:30 p.m.

Susan, 4 Years, Knows a Lot...

By Leo Soft

BROCKTON.—You get used to seeing the figures on unemployment go up week after week. But once in a while you see something in flesh and blood that reminds you what the figures really mean.

Her name was Susan Casper and she was four years old. She was standing in front of a local shoe factory where Communists were distributing Daily Workers. The paper that day had a story on the shoe union election.

Susan had a new-looking pair of roller skates on. She had fallen with them and her dress was ditry. Finally she asked us what we were doing. We told her we were telling the story of the union election. Susan said she knew about the union; her father and mother both worked inside the plant.

Then she asked us: **"Can the union stop people from losing their jobs?"**

She said she was worried that her father and mother might lose their jobs. She knew they didn't make much money now; it had been hard for them to buy her skates for Christmas.

Susan knew a lot for a four-year-old. But looking at the unemployment figures you can guess that a lot of other Brockton children knew the same sad facts. Layoffs have thrown thousands out of the shoe plants here. Thousands more work half-weeks or less. Old-timers with 30 years at the same plant have been booted into the street. The children know all this.

Capitalism is teaching Brockton's kids and their working parents a lot about itself.

NEW BEDFORD MILLS CRACK DOWN MORE

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — Tough conditions in this city's mills and shops aren't getting any better. More than 60 workers at the Morse Twist Drill Co. were laid off last week, with workers reporting that the company is ignoring seniority in the layoffs. Morse workers are wondering if the plant may be scheduled to close down completely.

At Wamsutta "College," five workers in Weave Room No. 6 were jolted when they got unexpected pink slips. The Local's business agent had told No. 6 workers last month that there was enough orders for chambray on hand to keep up production for 11 months. Bosses—professors, that is—kicked their students out of school just the same. They told No. 6 workers that there were no more orders for the chambray they turn out.

Workers here have learned that Rhode Island's Crown "College," under the same management and doing the same work as Wamsutta, has had major layoffs this month. This would indicate that Wamsutta is more speeded-up, and more profitable, than the notorious Crown mill.

N. H. Textile Mills Lay Off 500 Workers

ROCHESTER, N. H. — Unemployment in New Hampshire just keeps on climbing. The Gonic Textile mill here has added 500 more workers to the jobless rolls by closing down. The Chocheco Mill in East Rochester dropped 300 workers last month.

Several departments of the International Shoe Company have closed down at Manchester "indefinitely."

WALLACE, COT, GIUA SPEAK FOR BOSTON PEACE RALLY

BOSTON.—Five thousand New Englanders will pack this city's Mechanics Hall Monday night to hear Progressive Party leader Henry Wallace and distinguished people's leaders in a fighting demand for world peace. The PP peace meeting will be Boston's answer to Winston Churchill's recent war appeal here.



HENRY WALLACE

Speaking with Wallace will be Pierre Cot, prominent French deputy, Michele Giua, Left-Socialist Italian deputy, and Lester Hutchinson, British Laborite member of parliament. All three foreign speakers have led their countries' struggles for peace against the North Atlantic Pact.

Progressives emphasize that the May 2 meeting can begin a powerful local peace movement. Popular opposition against the war pact and the arming of western Europe is only beginning to be organized. Resistance to the Churchill meeting gave a small hint of the peace forces' potential strength.

Tickets for the Wallace meeting are priced from 60 cents to $3.60. Mechanics subway station is located directly at the hall.

LAWRENCE AGAIN!

LAWRENCE, Mass.—The Lawrence Print Works will close by June 30. The closing will add 500 more textile workers to Lawrence's unemployed total. More than 22,000 out of 35,000 workers are already jobless here.

PHILBRICK TELLS MORE ON RETURN

BOSTON. — FBI stoolpigeon Herbert Philbrick spills a lot of beans every time he opens his mouth. But the dirt the self-confessed labor spy spills is all on himself, and none of it on the Communist Party.

The informer had his golden words—they're worth gold to the FBI—spread all over the Boston press when he came home last week from a "vacation" following his testimony at the New York trial of twelve Communist leaders. His boss, whose movie chain was just broken up by threat of an anti-monopoly suit, gave him a "soldier's welcome home"—photographers and all. Philbrick has testified that he got his job "at about the same time" he joined the Young Communist League for the FBI.

Anyway, Philbrick is quoted in the Boston Post as "hopeful he will . . . start climbing in his chosen profession." Nobody doubts that he will. During nine years of volunteer labor spying he climbed into a new home, a new Kaiser sedan, a motion picture camera and projector, a new garage, new kitchen equipment, etc.

Philbrick told the press the secret secret of his success. It was, said the stoolpigeon who betrayed the people he called "comrade,"—loyalty. He gave a list of five things to be loyal to. Right there was—"loyalty to the company for which one works."

Unemployment And Speedup Hit Worcester

WORCESTER, Mass. — Unemployment here has already shot up to 12,000, and increased speedup is throwing more workers out every day. Latest dope on the local situation has just appeared in the first issue of The Steelworker, publication of the Worcester Communist Party.

For example, at the Worcester Wire Co. wire drawers used to service nine blocks; now they're stuck with 18. Workload for men on fine wire has jumped from 12 to 17 frames.

When workers protest the company asks a "trial period." Workers sweat like mad waiting for negotiations on the speedup. Then the boss says, "Sure they can do, they're doing it right now!"

At Compton and Knowles, Dept. 200 workers have signed a petiition asking the union to fight company rate-cutting. Within Macshine helped things by installing a $1,000,000 overhead sand belt. That will cost the jobs of most of the men in the sand gang.

PP Pickets Say: 'No Rent Increase!'

BOSTON. — Labor pressure on members of the Eastern Massachusetts Rent Advisory Board saved thousands of apartment house dwellers in Suffolk, Middlesex, and Norfolk counties from increased rent gouges last week. The board voted (9 to 0) to postpone indefinitely scheduled rent increases of two to 17 percent for buildings with five or more apartments.

Under the Truman-Dever "Fair Deal" rent law, increases for smaller buildings have already been passed. Boosts for larger dwellings haven't been cancelled; they've been "postponed." Big landlords are waiting for the chance to shove them down tenants' threats.

John Q. Tenant was represented by some 40 Progressive Party pickets parading before the building where the Advisory Board met. Picket signs read "We protest rent increases" and "Truman and Dever, What About Your Rent Control Promises?" Board members walked through the line, read the signs, and voted unanimously to postpone action.

The pickets were led by Progressive Party executive director Walter O'Brien. Pictures of the line appeared in the commercial press. Housewives and workers marched side by side in protest against the Fair Deal rent sellout.

More pressure was being applied by the United Labor Committee, with official AFL and CIO representation. The Committee is the same organization which led the successful fight against anti-labor laws on the state ballot last year.

May Day Greetings to The New England Worker from

Malden Club, CP
Cambridge Club, CP
Quincy Club, CP
Metal Workers of Lynn
Brockton Shoe Workers
New Hampshire Section, CP
Boston Metal Workers
and
A Group of Unemployed Textile Workers in Lawrence

May Day Greetings from WEST END CLUB BOSTON CP

May Day Greetings FROM TRADES BRANCH Communist Party, Boston

Greetings from A GROUP OF HARVARD STUDENTS

Greetings from SPRINGFIELD SECTION Communist Party

Greetings from BRISTOL COUNTY CP JOE FIGUERIDO, *Chairman*

Greetings from BRIGHTON CLUB Communist Party

Greetings from The Rhode Island Reds Communist Party of R. I. P.O. Box 225, Providence

MAY DAY, 1949

"Our feet march on, our hands are pledged,
Your great goal shall be won.
All me shall stand erect and laugh
Together in the sun."
—MIKE QUIN.

ROXBURY-DORCHESTER SECTION, COMMUNIST PARTY
EDDIE GARFIELD, *Organizer*

Dorchester, Lower 14, Roxbury, Upper 12, Youth, Latvian Clubs

Negro Bystander Brutally Beaten By Louisiana Cops

NEW ORLEANS, La. — On Sunday, April 10, the Young Progressives conducted an outdoor registration school at the corner of Melpomene and Freret. At a table on the sidewalk they had literature and posters. Three or four attendants explained to inquirers what they had to do in order to register and vote.

A squad car pulled up, and the two policemen in it growled: "What you tryin' to do, teach these people rights?" (One policeman's badge was No. 665.) When they asked Frank Ervin, white student at the table, if he were there alone, he said "Yes" to protect his three Negro co-workers.

Samuel Spears, 40, a Negro resident of the neighborhood, living at 3831 Duplessis St., stopped at the table to look at the display. Spears is not a member of the Progressive Party, and was a complete stranger to the Young Progressives at the outdoor booth.

One of the cops gruffly told Spears to "move on," then the other cop said, "Kick that n----r!" Spears, about to move on, looked around. The first cop grabbed him by the collar, and Spears put up his hand to protect his sunglasses, expecting a blow.

"Oh, so you're resistin' arrest, hey?" the cop said.

"I ain't resistin' arrest, officer," Speers said.

The Young Progressives present testify that Spears did not resist or fight back. He is a small man, about 5 ft. 6 in. in height and weighing about 142 pounds.

Miss Judy Smith, one of the people in charge, phoned the executive secretary of the C. R. C. He at once tried every method to save the man from the beating that we have come to expect whenever the police arrest a Negro, whatever the cause. The desk sergeant at Precinct 2 said Spears had not yet been booked.

Meanwhile Mrs. Samuel Spears tried to get help from Henry Hennessey, proprietor of the Hennessey Optical Goods concern, 427 Penn St., where her husband had been employed as a porter for more than two years. Finally, Mr. Hennessey went down to the Second Precinct and heard the police side of the case. His action was to fire Spears forthwith.

As Spears tells the story, the two arresting officers started to beat him as soon as they got him in the precinct. The desk sergeant interupted the beating long enough to take Spears' name and address, and other routine questions. Then the beating was resumed. Five policemen took part. "A policeman hit me with a billy, and then another policeman hit me. They hit me from behind, from the side, from everywhere. They knocked me down and kicked me. The desk sergeant kicked me in the chin. Then they stomped on me."

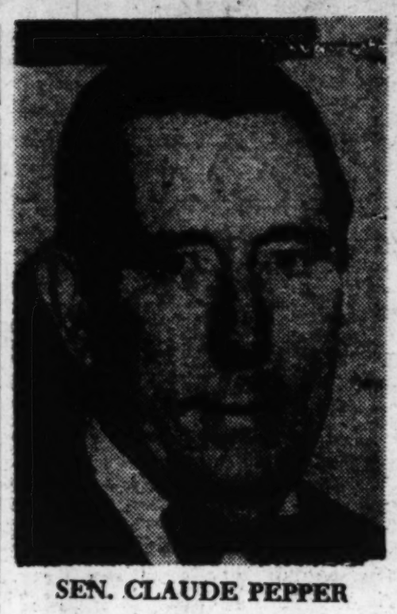
Then the guardians of the law, Spears says, took him up to a cell and left him there, raw and bleeding, without treatment, till the next day. At 11:15 a.m. Tureaud, a lawyer, got him paroled. At once Spears was taken to Charity Hospital, examined and X-rayed, and it was found that in addition to bruises and contusions and a cut chin, he had a burst ear drum.

Pepper Backs War Pact, Floridians Denounce Him

TAMPA, Fla.—In a strongly-worded statement to Sen. Claude Pepper of Florida a number of prominent civic leaders urged the Senator to act and speak out against the North Atlantic Military Alliance. They declared that the NAMA "is subjecting the nation to the continually increasing danger of disastrous and wholly unnecessary war."

Sen. Pepper has already publicly declared that he favors the alliance. He even went further and stated that, following the ratification of the alliance by the Senate, military aid must be given to those countries that signed the Alliance.

This saber-rattling and warmongering by Sen. Pepper is finding widespread opposition in liberal and progressive circles in Florida. Many former Pepper supporters have learned that Pepper left the progressive camp and has become a front-man for the Truman administration



SEN. CLAUDE PEPPER

The movement against Pepper and the NAMA is growing in Florida. Among the signers of the statement to Pepper are: Col. Raymond Robins, Brooksville; Jack Kofoed, columnist, Miami Herald; John H. Reynolds, Assistant Professor of Social Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville; Prof. Guy G. Becknell, University of Tampa; M. A. Soper, Pastor (Methodist), John M. Coe, State Chairman, Progressive Party; William R. Stevenson, Minister Union Congregational Church, Jacksonville; Edward G. Maxted, Episcopal Minister, Retired, Warrington; Max Selig, Teacher, Winter Park; John R. Reed, secretary RSCE, Apopka; Gerald Gilbert Gavorchin, Assistant Professor of History, University of Miami; W. M. Mullen, Sebring; Elbert Russell, St. Petersburg.

Murray's Anti-Negro Aides Try to Destroy Mine Union

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union (CIO) has demanded that Philip Murray immediately convene a special meeting of the CIO Executive Board to hear charges against Murray's United Steel Workers for terroristic, anti-Negro raiding in this area. The raiding occurred in a consent election of Tennessee Coal and Iron Company ore miners in this area April 21.

The steel union's campaign, handled by Murray's personal representative, Nick A. Zonarich, included open conspiracy with the company, a United States Steel Company subsidiary, and a fascist-like reign of terror that resulted in putting Maurice Travis, secretary-treasurer of the International Mine, Mill Union, into the hospital badly injured and facing the probability that he will be permanently blinded.

Company union elements, including many who did not deny charges that they were active Ku Klux Klansmen, were used by paid staffmen of the United Steel Workers of America to start a lily-white secession movement in five TCI locals of the Mine, Mill Union three months ago. Murray issued the secessionists charters as CIO Industrial locals. The movement finally resulted in a consent election on April 21.

Murray sent Zonarich here to take charge and as the result of a reign of terror by gangs of hoodlums, led by Zonarich, the vote went against Mine, Mill, 2,696 to 2,233. The Negro workers, in the face of a red-baiting and Negro-baiting campaign by the raiders, voted solidly for Mine, Mill. Gangs of hoodlums, led by Zonarich and Bob Christopherson, a CIO Southern Drive employee, terrorized workers.

The telegram sent to Murray, signed by International MM&SW president John Clark and International vice presidents Reid Robinson and Orville Larson, declared:

"We are confident that the members of the United Steel Workers of America and all other members of CIO do not wish to see their per capita spent on gangster union busting. This attack on our union in the South is especially despicable since your representatives have been using the race issue to divide the iron ore miners in the face of an outstanding fight against racial discrimination by our union. Also participating in the attack were the leaders of the company unions outlawed by the Wagner Act, who are now members of the United Steel Workers of America."

Terror marked the entire campaign. One Mine, Mill staff member was kidnapped and held for several hours and the union office was entered and ransacked. One white ore miner who was an election observer declared that threats were made to workers even at the voting booths. "It was the most unfair thing I have ever seen," he said. "It was un-American."

This Steel Worker Union campaign to split white workers away from Mine, Mill by terror and Negro-baiting is clearly a part of the long term strategy of the TCI company. For several years the company has been hiring mostly white workers to shift the percentage of Negro - white composition.

Kentucky Students Vote on Segregation

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Three proposals for ending racial and religious discrimination on the campus of the University of Louisville have been voted down by the student body.

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OF THE 5,000 members of the student body, 2,136 voted, which is a record for the University of Louisville. Also unprecedented was the fact that a Negro student of Louisville Municipal College (the jimcrow college of the University of Louisville) was a member of the committee of three who counted the ballots. By this act, though by the back door, Negroes were admitted to the student management of the joint affairs of the colleges which make up the University of Louisville.

Spokesmen for the progressives said that the fight has only begun and this election represents the first gun in an active campaign to abolish discrimination from the campus, to end the present jimcrow situation where Negro students are segregated into the Municipal College and denied the facilities and barred from the social life of the university as a whole. Louisville progressive stutend to interest students in other Kentucky universities and colleges in the fight against discrimination and chauvinism.

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THE FIGHT began when Lyman Johnson, a teacher in a Louisville high school, brought suit in federal court to gain admittance to the University of Kentucky Graduate School at Lexington, Ky. Federal Judge Church Ford ruled that the University of Kentucky would have to admit Johnson as a student and accord him the privileges accorded other students.

Besides Judge Ford's ruling, two other factors favor the possibility that Kentucky's infamous Day Law (the law which bars whites and Negroes meeting together in school and elsewhere) may become a dead letter. They are: People of Negro ancestry have already matriculated at the University of Kentucky as exchange students from foreign countries. And scouts for the "Wildcats" basketball team have their eyes on a couple of star Negro netmen.

CIO Would Expel Pleader for Peace

HOUSTON, Tex. — Instead of eliminating jimcrow practices at its meetings and fighting for "porkchop" issues of the workers, the CIO council here is trying to expel a member who signed a letter calling for an end to the cold war.

At its last meeting, the Council drew up charges against Jacqueline Nelson, Business Agent of Local 75, Food, Tobacco, and Agricultural Workers Union (FTA), and appointed a special trial committee.

Miss Nelson was charged with violating the section of the Council Constitution which prohibits membership in the Council to "persons who subscribe to Nazi, Fascist, or Communist principles, or participate in activities supporting these principles," and with 'bringing the CIO Council into ill repute through various communicative letters."

The letter referred to was an open letter to President Truman, Secretary of State Dean Acheson, and Senator Tom Connally, calling for a change in our foreign policy from one of "cold war" to one of peace. The open letter denounced the Atlantic Pact and called on President Truman to accept the offer of the Soviet Union to hold peaceful negotiations between the two countries to settle outstanding differences. This letter was signed by church, civic, labor, and professional leaders throughout Texas.

In a public statement distributed to thousands of workers throughout the Houston area, the Executive Board of Local 75, FTA, demanded that the charges against Miss Nelson be dropped. "Is red-baiting the way members of the Houston Area CIO Council cover up their failure to fight on pork chop issues"? the union statement asked. The FTA statement demanded to know why the CIO Council had not offered strike aid to the 600 FTA compress workers recently on strike; and why the Council has not drawn up a program for the fight against layoffs, speed-up, and for the 100 percent repeal of the Taft-Hartley law. The FTA statement criticized jimcrow at CIO Council meetings, and called on the Council "to spend its time on a constructive program for peace and preparation against the looming depression."

Wilkerson Tops May Day Program

RICHMOND, Va.—Dr. Doxey Wilkerson, noted educator, author and recent star witness in exposing the jimcrow, richman's Grand Jury system, will be the chief speaker at a May Day celebration here Sunday, May 1.



The celebration will take place at 3:30 p.m. at Price's Hall, 212 East Leigh Street.

Richmonders have been urged to come to the celebration to protest the recent brual killing of a Negro farmer in Charles City County, only 20 miles from Richmond, by an ABC Board Inspector. They have been invited to participate in the meeting to help win peace, jobs, security and to end segregation.

Also a special feature of the May Day celebration will be the showing of "Native Land," a special full-length feature film, in which Paul Robeson sings and narrates.

BIGOTS FORCE OUT COLLEGE PRESIDENT

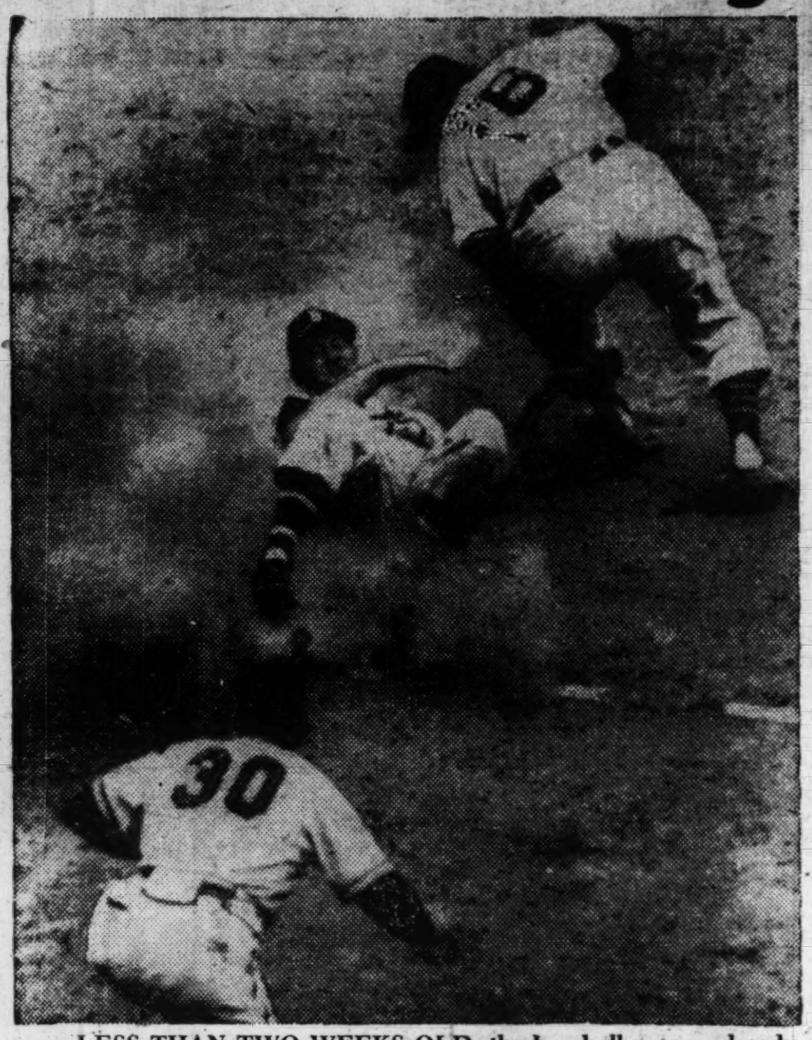
RICHMOND, Va. — Dr. Riley B. Montgomery, President of the Lynchburg College resigned following criticisms by bigoted "white supremacists" because he permitted Negro students from the Virginia State College to have social contact with the white students at a weekend conference and social gathering last year.

The Negro students attended an inter-racial meeting on the Lynchburg College campus. After the meeting they were invited to join a dance sponsored by white students.

Since that time, Dr. Montgomery, who upheld the right of the races to get together, has been under fire by the local race haters.

Dr. Montgomery is to assume the presidency of the College of the Bible at Lexington, Ky.

Off and Running!



LESS THAN TWO WEEKS OLD, the baseball season already has the fans buzzing with surprising showings all up and down the leagues. A new crop of postwar youngsters are breaking into the lineups and speeding up the baserunning – Coleman, Yanks; Merriman, Reds; Abrams, Dodgers; Groth, Tigers; Jones, Phils; Glaviano, Cards, and others.



WORKER Sports

Stan the Man Was Steelworker

Stan Musial, now generally considered baseball's greatest all-round star, is well remembered as a steel worker in his home town of Donora, Pa. Early in his professional career, Stan would play ball during the summer and work at the American Steel and Wire Company's Zinc Works during the off season. (This outfit was temporarily shut down after the smog descended on Donora last winter.)

Musial was selected as rookie of the year just six years ago. He'll be 29 next November. The left-handed hitting and throwing Stan had an early ambition to be a pitcher, but a shoulder injury forced him to give it up and take up outfielding, and hitting! His .376 last season was typical.

This is the opposite of the career of Red Ruffing, ex-Yankee great. Red started out as a slugging young outfielder, but when his big toe was crushed, limiting his running ability, he took to the mound.

On the Score Board

By Lester Rodney



Hanging Out the Weekend Wash

IT'S REALLY TOO early in the season to do any generalizing, and I haven't seen a single Western club yet, but sports writers rush in where Joe Starobin and George Morris fear to tread, so. . . .

Anyone who says **"The Giants can't go anywhere because they've got the same team as last year"** isn't talking sense. They have the same NAMES, but not the same players.

Bob Thompson has relaxed his too rigid attempt to copy DiMaggio's batting stance and is a tremendously improved batsman, making Leo Durocher look good for putting him first and foremost on the "untouchable" list when trade talk was going around.

Clint Hartung is one year advanced along that painful path by which a talented athlete who can throw the ball a mile a minute becomes a pitcher instead of a thrower.

Sid Gordon just became a regular well after the 1948 season started. Though he is already 30, he is for the first time a solidly set ballplayer.

Finally the team is smarter with Durocher, Frisch and Fitzsimmons working steadily on inside baseball and helping especially such things as pitching, baserunning, defensive cut-offs, hit and runs, et al. I'm not at all unhappy about my second place prediction for this ballclub. Brother Mize starts loosening up in earnest along about July. In fact, if pitchers Jones and Kennedy swing into line I may start worrying about having put this explosive club one peg too low!

BY THE WAY, in case you haven't noticed the International League boxscores, the Negro players signed by the Giants are playing regularly with Jersey City. Hank Thompson, the talented young second baseman-outfielder, has been shifted to shortstop, an interesting move. Outfielder Monte Irvin is banging the ball as expected. Over at Newark, the Yankees are keeping an eye on young Frank Austin, rangy, hard-hitting young shortstop who has more big league possibilities than Art, Wilson, the man Veeck snatched out of their mitts.

FAIL TO FALL in with all the furore about the Phils. **Much improved as they are, and with clear signs of further improvement to come, they simply do not have a first division pitching staff as yet. The young bonus phenoms like Roberts, Simmons and Bicknell are all uneven, the unfortunate result of the ruling that forbids them needed minor league experience. Name one Philly pitcher who will win 15 games.**

EARLY PREDICTIONS AND COMMENTS: Jack Banta of Brooklyn will wind up the pitching rookie of the year. . . . Alvin Dark of Boston will hit .330 again or better. . . . The A's will be leading the league in July on the strength of superb pitching and defense and just enough hitting. Then the greater strength of the Indians, Bosox and Yanks will begin to tell. . . . **Elmer Valo of the A's is my idea of an unsung star. The Palmerton, Pa. lad (who was born in Czechoslovakia) is the finest defensive rightfielder in the league, with a flaming spirit, speed and good arm, and hits a productive .300 or better every year.** . . . Bosox still haven't got the pitching. . . . All the early talk of the total Yankee collapse, badly exaggerated with the kernal of good players still on the club and the league's second best pitching staff, actually was a favor to Casey Stengal because he'll look good now when the team finishes a strong third (or better).

IF THE WORLD SERIES is to be between the two teams with the top defensive infields, it's Cleveland and Brooklyn and no mistakes. With the emergence of Billy Cox as a superlative third-sacker, the Dodger quartet of Hodges, Robinson, Reese and Cox may even rate an edge over the classy, but subtly slowing Vernon, Gordon, Boudreau, Keltner. Don't quote me in Cleveland on this.

JOE LOUIS and Henry Armstrong think the new fight movies like "Setup" and "Champion" give a distorted view of the prize ring, leaving by omission a picture of ONLY corruption and dishonesty and completely negating the battering of jimcrow which has been one of the meaningful aspects of a rough and tough sport which certainly, as these movies do show, is no lily.

THE GREAT Stan Musial is, of course, the top athletic product of Donora, Pa., pop. 13,000. But this little industrial town on the Monongahela has turned out many more top notch athletes, and don't try to speak against unions to any of them! Forward-passer Arnold Galiffa, middleweight contender Lee Sala, and a raft of top notch college football players. Besides Galiffa there are no less than 16 Donora lads playing on topline college teams, including three at Pitt. You must add this special region to the others famous for turning out good gridders, like the Chicago and Gary Calumet area, Michigan's Sawinaw Valley, the Canton-Massilon-Arkon-Cleveland territory in Ohio.

A New York sports writer was chatting with some of the Cards from down South this spring when the Gardella case was in the headlines. Someone mentioned the fact that things are a little better for big leaguers with a five thousand minimum and a ruling forbidding a pay cut of more than 25 percent any single year. Said Mr. Musial of Donora:

"Yeah, you know when they made those concessions, don't you? Only when some of the boys started to talk union!"

THERE ARE 61 leagues and 463 clubs in organized baseball. The two states in the union unrepresented are Vermont and Wyoming. Maine just gets in with the Portland club. North Carolina and Texas lead with 42 and 41 respectively. It's that weather.

Occupational Hazards!

Baseball Has 'Em Brother—If You Don't Think, Read This

Injuries – sore arms – spike wounds – pulled muscles – beaning by a pitched ball. These are some of the occupational hazards of our national pastime, and don't forget to average them into the total picture when you think about baseball salaries and the life expectancy of the average ballplayer in his highly skilled trade!

Here are some of the mishaps of this young season:

Joe DiMaggio, brought down by his non-healing heel, was the first and most important casualty of the spring. Bob Feller, Cleveland's pitching ace, was retired after three innings of the opener against the St. Louis Browns with a shoulder disorder that puts his fireballing career in jeopardy at the age of 31.

Ray Sanders, Boston Braves first baseman, who cracked a wrist executing a tag and will be out until June—at least. George (Whitey) Kurowski of the St. Louis Cardinals, who already were shy on manpower. The veteran third baseman threw his arm out.

Leroy (Satchel) Paige, the 40-odd year old Cleveland pitcher who strained his side shagging fly balls and is out indefinitely.

Charley Keller of the Yankees, who pulled a muscle in his side at a time when DiMag was on the shelf along with Johnny Lindell, pitcher Bob Porterfield, George Stirnweiss, Charley Silvera and Clarence Marshall. All had baseball-incurred injuries.

Then there are the Washington pitching patients—Ed Klieman, and Joe Haynes. Klieman has an injured index finger on his pitching hand, Haynes has a shoulder strain.

And outfielder Hank Edwards of Cleveland who received a shoulder separation swinging at a pitch.

Some of the other boys had close calls. Big Ralph Kiner of the Pittsburgh Pirates was hit in the head by a batted ball on the West Coast and was out for a couple of days while everyone kept their fingers crossed.

Richie Ashburn of the Phillies, one of the top rookies in '48, was hit in the eye by a thrown ball while rounding third base trying to score. He came out of it okay.

Dick Kokos and Paul Lehner, St. Louis Brownie outfielders, crashed under a fly ball and were lugged off the field.

Outfielder Clint Conatser of the Braves was beaned by rookie pitcher Frank Fanovich of Cincinnati and carried out on a stretcher. He started to wear a headgear—when the regular season opened.

Catcher Del Rice of the Cardinals and Sal Yvars of the Giants fractured fingers on their catching hands.

So it goes!



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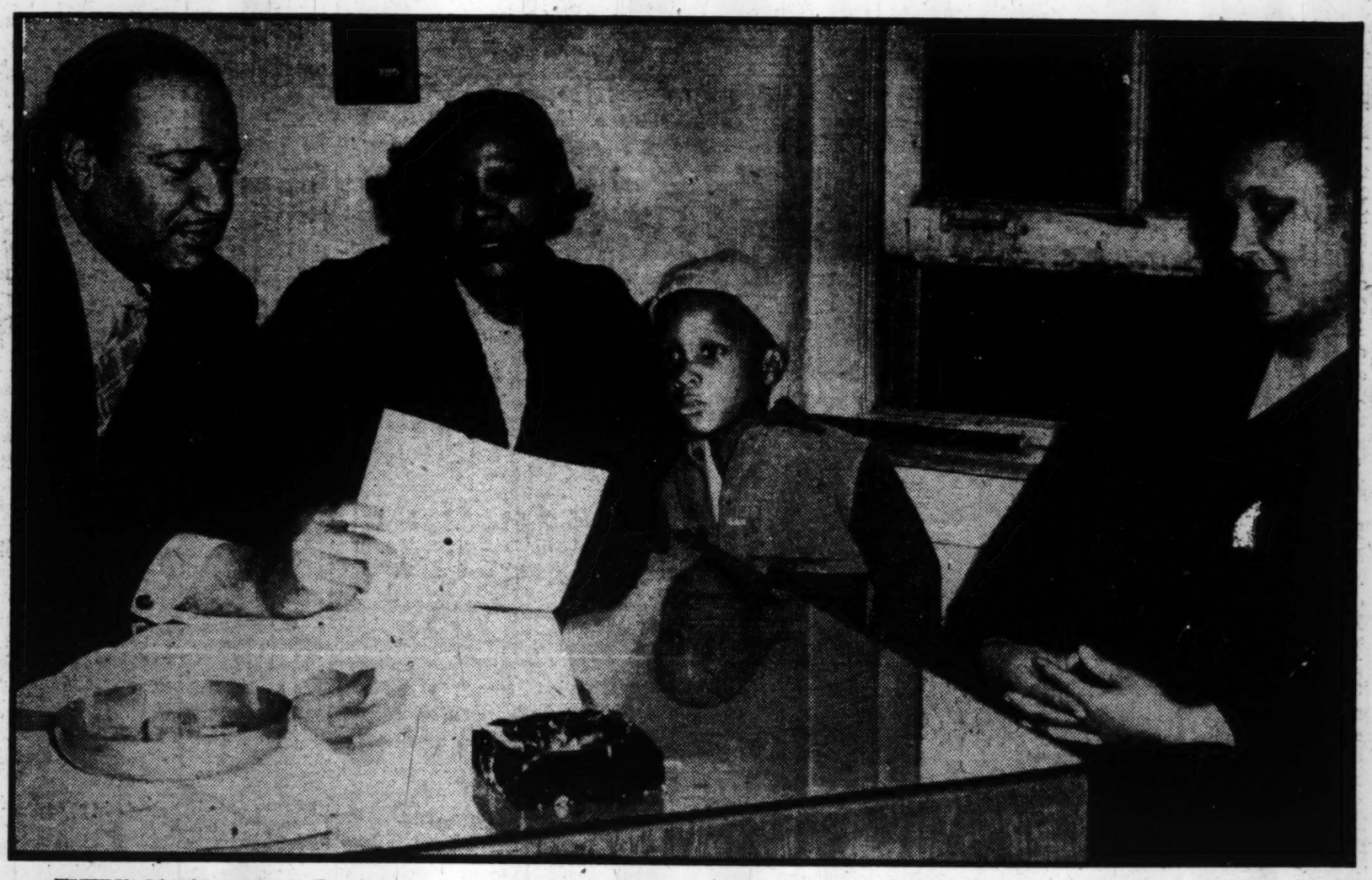


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DAVIS RUNS FOR THIRD TERM

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EVERY SATURDAY afternoon Councilman Ben Davis confers with his constituents. Here Mrs. Olive Gaines, unjustly fired from her job with the IRT, comes with her son, Bernard, for help from her Councilman. On the right is Mrs. Ruby Washington, who knows that Ben is the man to see for solution of her housing problem.

Harlem, Loyalty, And May Day

An Editorial

THERE IS NOTHING wrong with Harlem that a united people's movement joined with militant labor cannot cure.

That is the simple, challenging of May Day. The kept press which winks at white supermacy and is blind to the issues in our sprawling uptown ghetto now tries to put the tag of "disloyalty" upon the May Day marchers.

Let whole families live crammed into one room—that's "loyal." Don't disturb Mayor O'Dwyer when rats endanger our children's lives—be silent—and "loyal." "Loyally" accept the for-white-only tag on jobs and homes—that's the "American way." Accept the good words of President Truman and squelch your anger over the bad mobbings and lynchings and police killings.

Be "loyal!"

IT'S THE SAME old herring which the workers rejected in 1886 when they militantly fought for—and won—the eight hour day. Then it was un-American to want a work day of less than 12 to 16 hours.

Every Harlem marcher in the May Day parade represents a protesting voice and an effective vote against ghetto living.

Threatening rats, fire-trap houses, jimcrow jobs, lily-white housing restrictions, mob violence and police brutality are among the important targets this May Day.

WILL WE BE loyal to Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram, the jailed-for-life Georgia widow—or string along with Herman Talmadge, the Georgia "patriot?" Will we keep the faith with the six framed-up Negro Trenton, N. J., by marching—or cast a silent ballot for jimcrow Jersey justice?

WHILE WE raise the banner of African freedom or whoop it up for the slave-whipping Marshall Plan and the Atlantic Pact? Will we oppose the Jimcrow and colonial masters now plotting war to protect their swag—or support red-baiting and white supremacy war plans in the hope of getting some of the masters' crumb?

Choose your sides. Be really loyal this May Day.

March!

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Meet Marshall Larkin, a Brave Georgia Editor

In the Magazine Section

The Fighting Record of Councilman Ben Davis

By Pete R. Morrow

Benjamin J. Davis, Communist city councilman known as "Ben" to most of his constituents, this week started his campaign for a third term. His is a six-year record of unceasing struggle in behalf of the Harlem community.

Both in and out of the council, Ben Davis has fought consistently for protection of jobs for Negroes, Puerto Ricans and other minorities; for adequate relief for the jobless; against police brutality, against jimcrow restrictions in public and private housing, and on many other fronts where the rights of workers are threatened.

Here, for example, are a few of the resolutions Davis has introduced and fought for in the Council since the beginning of 1949:

• A resolution calling for protection of the lives and jobs of Negro longshoremen.

• A resolution demanding the end of police aid to employers and police threats against strikers at the Larkin Lectro Co., 160 W. 146 St.

• A resolution condemning restrictive covenants in the renting and construction of homes.

• A resolution protesting the recent eviction of Puerto Rican families from their W. 52 St. flats to make room for a nurses' home.

• A resolution demanding an end to "blue ribbon" jury selection which systematically discriminates against workers, particularly Negroes, Puerto Ricans and other minorities.

• A resoluiton for the repeal of the Taft-Hartley anti-labor laws, and its replacement by the old Wagner Act without crippling amendments.

• A resolution for the protection of the lives of school children in the city streets.

• A resolution blasting the reduction of the West Indian immigration quota.

• A resolution calling for complete investigation of unemployment in the city and for the establishment of adequate relief for the jobless.

• A resolution which would permit tenants to withhold rent until all housing violations were eliminated by the landlord.

Davis has devoted much effort to opening the jimcrow Stuyvesant Town housing development to Negroes. His resolution No. 879 called for removal of Stuyvesant Town's tax exemption, under which the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., owner of the project, makes huge profits on taxes paid by Negro and Puerto Rican citizens who are not permitted to live in the project.

Mass action by tenants' organizations, civil rights groups and many other people's organizations against discrimination at Stuyvesant Town have been largely the result of Davis' campaign, which included the mailing of over 20,000 letters to groups and individuals and public advertisement over his own name of the facts of the case.

Davis' office is a refuge for Harlem people who have grievances against landlords, employers and others; or who face problems of relief, homelessness, illness or disaster emergencies.

Davis' record, in addiiton to the resolutions mentioned above, includes:

• A dozen bills dealing with job protection and fair employment.

• Twenty-five bills for protection of Negro rights.

• Twenty-five bills to protect and extend civil liberties.

• Many measures condemning police violence against the Negro people.

• Dozens of measures for protection of the people's living standards, particularly on rents, prices, utility rates, and for the establishment of municipally owned and operated milk plants.

• Many bills and resolutions to halt evictions, to open new housing, and to protect tenants against violations by landlords.

Harlem Conference Says Truman Actions Violate UN Charter

Flatly rejecting the United States delegation's proposals to the United Nations Assembly for a division of ex-Italian colonies in Africa among Italy and Britain, representatives of several Negro people's organizations accused the Truman Administration of violating the Atlantic Charter and the United Nations Charter by cynically disregarding the African people's right of self - determination while declaring that "considerations of military strategy have determined the policy of the United States government" with respect to these colonies.

The accusation was contained in a statement issued here this week through the Council on African Affairs, following an emergency conference called by the Council at the Hotel Theresa here April 20, and attended by leaders in fraternal, church, and labor groups representing Negro, Ethiopian, West Indian, Jewish, Italian American and other white groups.

Fifty persons attended the conference, including leaders of: Ethiopian World Federation; Daughters of American Negro Liberation; Improved, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World; Moorish Science Temple of North U. S. A.; Teachers Union, CIO; United Office and Professional Workers; National Council of Negro Women; Galibaldi Society, IWO; Wisdom House; Africa House; United Negro Improvement Association; United Negro and Allied Veterans of America; Eleventh Hour Mission; Communist Party; American Jewish Labor Council; Harlem Trade Union Council; Afro-American Youth; International Rotary Club; United Small Business Men's Association; and the Council on African Affairs.

"Today Africa is the last continental stronghold of Colonialism," the conference statement declared, "and for that very reason its people face new and intensified forms of exploitation and oppression. But Africans, no less than Asians, are determined that their continent and its resources shall be developed for the benefit of the people who inhabit it, instead of being utilized for the economic and military designs of European and American imperialists."

"We fully support and urge the United Nations to affirm and endorse, the demands of the people of Libya for immediate independence," the statement continued, **"the demands of the people of Somaliland for a free and united nationhood, and the demands of the people of Eritrea for reunion of the whole of that territory with Ethiopia because it belongs to Ethiopia and is essential for her economic and national security."**

The Mob Missed Him; Court Caught Him

OPELOUSAS, La. — Edward Honeycutt, a young Negro here, escaped from a mob a few weeks ago as a gang of white men tossed a coin to see who would be his murderer. This week the St. Landry County Court was not so indefinite. Honeycutt was sentenced to death after a jury brought in a verdict of guilty.

The charge against Honeycutt was the old one—"assaulting a white woman."

Three white men were arrested some time ago and charged with kidnapping Honeycutt. All are free and the Grand Jury has taken no action against them.

Labor Council Hits ACTU Attack in Ala.

The officers of the Harlem Trade Union Council this week condemned the brutal attack upon Maurice Travis, secretary-treasurer of the CIO Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union, and the beating of Charles Wilson in Bessemer, Ala., by a mob, led by Nick A. Zonarich, personal representative of Philip Murray, president of the CIO United Steel Workers.

Ferdinand C. Smith, executive secretary of the council, said: "From my personal experience in my own union, the NMU, with the activities of the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists, (ACTU) this dastardly act was committed in an attempt to break up the unity of Negro and white workers, built up by the Mine, Mill Union over a period of many years.

"The ultimate purpose, of course, is to weaken the progressive labor movement that it will fall an easy prey to the Wall Street, Churchill, Vatican war plans.

"Every progressive trade unionist, Negro and white, should let Phil Murray know that, as the leading Catholic trade unionist, he can't disclaim responsibility for the acts of this outfit."

And That's The Gospel Truth

"Communism is telling the world that here in America our racial prejudice, our insistence on the color line, our jimcrow customs, our denial of economic opportunity to folk of darker skin, utterly unfit us to lead the world to unity and peace. Some two-thirds of the world's population have darker skins, and the Communists' charge is relevant and persuasive to them."
—Rev. Dr. H. Emerson Fosdick, Pastor Emeritus of the Riverside Church, in a sermon Sunday, April 24, 1949.

Ex-Slave, 107, Wins Stay of Eviction

FAIRVIEW, N. J. — Symon Douglass, 107-year-old former slave, this week won a temporary stay of eviction from the home in which he has lived for 75 years. The penniless Douglass, however, must pay about $4,000 in taxes, interest and costs. His attorney stated that Douglass expects to pay within 30 days with contributions from citizens interested in his plight.

Beat Hat Store Bias

United action by workers in the Adam Hat Store at 165 St. and Jamaica Ave., Jamaica, Queens, this week forced the management to hire Earl Williams, first Negro ever to work there. The action was led by Bernard Whitover, an American Labor Party club leader in South Jamaica. Workers at the store charge that the management is now attempting to retaliate against Whitover.

3 Addresses But No Home for Mother of 2

By Ann Rivington

Mrs. Dolly King and her two babies live at three different addresses—not because they are rich, but because they are poor. The young Negro mother, victim of an illegal eviction, is staying in a tiny furnished room at 235 W. 142 St. Her four-year-old Theodora Miranda—Teddy for short—has been taken in by a neighbor, Mrs. Ollie Brown, at No. 215. Baby Arthena, two months old, is being kept by Mrs. Brown's sister, Mrs. Evelyn Gatling, at 227.

Mrs. King, who is on relief, appealed to her investigator for help in getting her family together again under one roof, or at least for an extra allowance to cover the expense of living separately.

"He told me there's nothing the relief can do," said Dolly King, "he didn't give me a penny of increase." Then she added, with a spirited toss of her head, **"but I say the relief can't help, shame on the relief And I've learned one thing in this town, and that is, the only way you're going to get anything done is to fight back."**

So Dolly is fighting.

The story of the gallant young mother, who is a widow, is as follows:

Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, her former landlady at the unregistered rooming house at 306 W. 116 St., knowing Dolly was pregnant, asked her to get out. "She said she didn't want another baby in the room."

Mrs. Jones then applied for an eviction order - making vicious charges. The application was denied, but Mrs. Jones refused to accept the rent.

The middle of February, Baby Arthena was born prematurely in Medical Center Hospital. Her mother had a caesarian and was in an oxygen tent for 12 days. While in the hospital, she sent her rent by registered mail, but Mrs. Jones sent it back.

On March 7, Dolly left Teddy and the three-week-old baby with a friend and went back to the hospital for a checkup. When she came home, with a sack of groceries in her arms, a padlock was on the door. All her clothes.

Dolly has gone to the Rent Commission at 500 Park Ave. There she was told that her landlady had no right to evict her—but that didn't put her back in her room or get her back

She has gone to the Housing Authority, where she received vague promises of a place in a housing project.

She called Mayor O'Dwyer's office, and the secretary of a secretary spoke kindly to her over the telephone. There was no result.

And now? "I'm going to Councilman Davis' office for help, I've made up my mind." It was Dolly King who took a group of the victims of the fire tragedy at 142 W. 131 St. to the Communist councilman's office for help. "I just had to help them because I know what it's like to be homeless. And I know Councilman Davis is the one to go to—I've heard what people say."



Mrs. Dolly King talks with Ann Rivington, Worker reporter, about her housing problem. Her four-year-old daughter, Theodora, waits cheerfully during the interview. Wrapped in blankets and held in her mother's arms is baby Arthena, aged two months.

Berlin and Nanking

An Editorial

THE SMALL CLIQUE of men in Washington and Wall Street who want war are having their troubles.

First, the poeple of China, at long last, take over their own country. They will own it themselves, and run it for their own benefit. They will make it forever impossible for the "cold war" crowd to use China as a war base against the Soviet Union or the peoples of Asia. China's 450,000,000 people are joining the world camp of peace, democracy and Socialism.

This makes it tougher for the war-makers to plot their criminal war.

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ON TOP OF THAT, the Soviet Union again makes a bid for a peace settlement so reasonable that it is very difficult for the "cold war" State Department to refuse it.

The Soviet Union has offered to lift the so-called Berlin blockade (which was provoked by the illegal dumping of new allied currency into that city without consulting the Soviet Union).

All that the Soviet Union asks is that the Western powers resume their meetings with the Soviet Union to work out a German settlement.

The Soviet Union wants to talk peace.

Its offer comes just as General Clay boldly announces to the world that he considers a revived Western Germany as the bulwark of the plan to "stop Communism." This Western Germany is being turned back to Hitler's most ardently pro-Nazi supporters. Its war industry is being given a green light. Its Nazi generals are back in the good graces of the American Military government.

But the Soviet Union refuses to accept the "inevitable war" hoax. It sues for peace talks. It is speaking for peace-loving men and women everywhere, who will hail its new peace move. China and the Soviet Union — two active, powerful nations working for peace. That is good news for us Americans who don't want our boys to die in an atomic war. Let us also join the fight.



Troops of the Chinese Liberation Army, bearing U. S.-made sub-machine guns, swing smartly southward.

Sees Sure Victory in China, Then Swift Industrialization

HONG KONG (Telepress).—"Our victory in China is of great historic importance not only for China but for the whole world because it considerably changes the relation of forces between the democratic and anti-democratic camps," declared Yen Pi-shih, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, speaking at the first all-Chinese congress of the new Democratic Youth in Peiping.

The basic defeat of the reactionary Kuomintang forces is the main feature of the present situation in China, and the Chinese revolution has a great meaning for the struggle of hundreds of millions of people in South Eastern Asia against imperialism, the speaker added.

The victory of the Chinese People's Army will be completed soon, Yen Pi-shih stated. After Japan's capitulation, when Chinese Kuomintang reaction supported by American imperialism started the civil war, the armed forces of the Kuomintang numbered 4,300,000. Within two years and nine months the People's Army had annihilated almost 3,000,000 Kuomintang troops. The Kuomintang forces have slimed down to 1,100,000 and less than 100,000 reserve troops.

In this period the Chinese Liberation Army has grown from 1,000,000 to 3,000,000, and its equipment now equals the best American equipment of the Kuomintang forces.

THE PEOPLE'S ARMY has liberated an area of 2,600,000 square kilometers, which is 27 percent of the entire Chinese territory. The liberated areas include the whole of Manchuria and practically all the territory north of the middle and lower parts of the Yangtze River with its over 200,000,000 inhabitants.

In an area inhabitated by more than 100,000,000 people, far-reaching land reform has been carried out, Yen Pi-shih stated. The liberated areas contain important centers of heavy and light industry and basic raw materials including coal, iron, cotton, timber, grain, salt and oil.

The Communist Party of China has 3,000,000 members in the liberated areas, Yen Pi-shih added. Millions of citizens are members of mass organizations of workers, youth and women. Never before has the Kuomintang and American imperialism been so completely isolated from the Chinese people as now. No amount of American help can save the Kuomintang regime, the speaker said.

THE PRIMARY TASK which faces the Chinese people now is the final defeat of the Kuomintang armies and the breaking up of its reactionary apparatus. This aim will be achieved, Yen Pi-shih explained, for the Liberation Army can annihilate the remainder of the Kuomintang forces within six months or one year.

After final victory has been reached, the central government of the new democratic state must be formed and the unification of the whole of China realized. In the words of Mao Tse-tung, victory is only the first step; when the broad development of the Chinese economy has started, when China is transformed from an agricultural country to a country with developed industry, becoming economically independent of other countries—only then can the question of the independence and sovereignty of China be ultimately solved.

"To make China economically independent, we must not only rebuild her destroyed industries within three to five years, but we must, by means of planning, raise the part of industry in the whole Chinese economy from its present place of 10 percent to 30 or 40 percent within the 10 to 15 years," Yen Pi-shih staetd.

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THE PEOPLE'S living standard can be raised and an alliance between the workers and peasants achieved only through the industrialization of China, in which the towns will play a leading role in relation to the countryside. This will create the basis for the building of socialism. The period in which the main stress was on the work in the countryside is over and a new period has started in which the focus of work is transferred to the towns, which must lead the countryside. However, the work in the countryside must not be neglected and work in both towns and countryside must be coordinated.

Liberation Armies Executing Mao Tze-tung's Order of Day

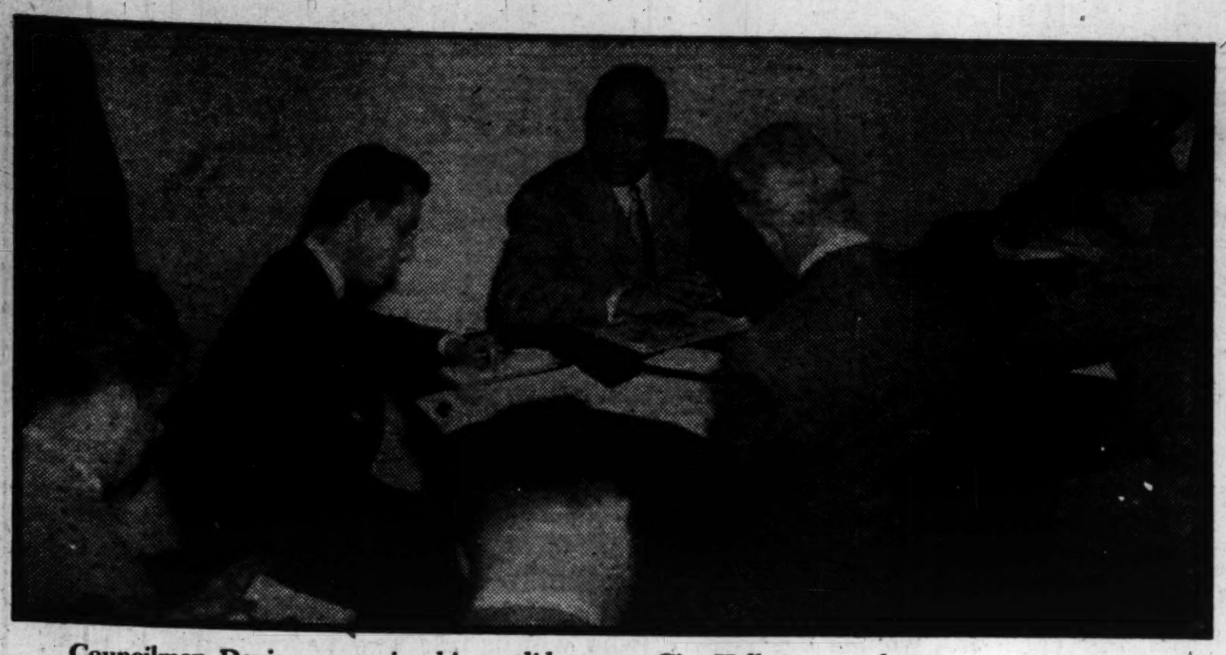
NANKING, China.—The people of fast-shrinking Kuomintang-held China are carrying out the radioed instructions of Communist leaders Mao Tze-tung and Chu Teh to give "every assistance" to the advancing People's Liberation Armies and to maintain order until they arrive.

With Nanking liberated, the Kuomintang government in flight to Canton and the offensive which began last Wednesday continuing with undiminished success, People's Liberation Armies moved to close in on 700,000 Kuomintang troops, half at Shanghai and half at Hankow in Central China.

As the epic significance of the Chinese people's victories first began to sink into the consciousness of the capitalist world's policy-makers and editorial-writers, the People's Liberation Armies continued to advance across the face of China in keeping with the now-historic Order of the Day of Mao Tzt-tung and Chu Teh.

That order told the Chinese people's soldiers:

- **Advance boldly; resolutely, thoroughly, wholly and completely annihilate all the Kuomintang reactionaries in China who dare to resist; liberate the people of the whole country and defend the independence and integrity of Chinese territory and sovereignty.**
- **Advance boldly and arrest all diehard war criminals. Arrest and bring them to justice and punish them according to law no matter where they flee to. Pay special attention to the arrest of their ringleader—Chiang Kai-shek.**
- **Bring the final amended version of the agreement on domestic peace to the notice of all Kuomintang local governments with those who are willing to cease fighting and solve the nation's problems by peaceful means according to the general sense of the final amended version.**



Councilman Davis announcing his candidacy at a City Hall press conference.

Ben Davis to Run For Re-Election

Communist Councilman Benjamin J. Davis yesterday announced his candidacy for reelection. The Negro leader said that his campaign in the 21st State Senatorial District would "serve as a coalition" for all progressive voters "irrespective of party label." Davis made his statement at a press conference in the City Council Minority Room during the lunch hour intermission of the government's heresy trial against Davis and 11 other Communist leaders.

The text of Councilman Davis' statement appears on page 20.

The appeals that he continue fighting in the council for the "interests of the people of Harlem and the working people as a whole," he said, have come from Republicans, Democrats, Communists and American Laborites, "both Negro and white."

Reporters asked him whether he expected to receive the American Labor Party endorsement.

"The endorsement is something only the ALP can determine," Davis replied. "In the City Council and during the previous elections I always had the policy of working with all progressives of all parties, Democrat, Republican, Communist, American Labor."

A reporter asked whether it "wasn't true" that his support would be hurt by the present trial. Davis replied: "The number of requests I have received from Negro, labor and progressive forces indicate a desire that I continue the work I started in the City Council, and these forces will not permit the heresy trial to determine their choice of candidate."

"What about your eligibility to hold office if the court rules you guilty"? the same reporter insisted.

"In the event of a conviction, it would mean essentially the outlawing of the Communist Party in this city and the country," Davis said. "The consequences of such a decision would be far more devastating and sinister than any local campaign. It would mean the twilight of American liberty."

A representative from the Negro press asked Davis whether he or the Communist Party would support Negro candidates of other political parties.

"My party will play a major role in electing Negroes to the City Council from other sections regardless of party," Davis responded, "depending on their program, their stand on civil rights, peace, housing and all other issues affecting the welfare of the people—Negro and white."

Asked to comment on the latest government witness—a Negro ex-Communist woman—against the Communist leaders at the Foley Square trial, Davis said:

"In the past, all of the stool-pigeons and FBI agents have been male, and now they found a female."

Peace Fight Keys May Day March

New York workers will pour down Eighth Avenue to Union Square this Saturday in the biggest May Day tide in the city's history, it was indicated by the reports from participating unions.

War veterans, AFL, CIO and independent unionists, many thousands of members of fraternal and tenants organization and artists and writers and actors will march with colorful and dramatic floats telling the story of the struggles of the people today.

Several dozen bands will provide the marching music for the 200 organizations taking part in the great parade.

"This will be the most colorful May Day parade since the first great May Day demonstration in 1886," predicted Sam Weisman, executive director of the United Labor and Peoples Committee for May Day.

Huge life-like figures of William Z. Foster, Eugene Dennis and the 10 other Communist leaders, who are being framed by the Federal Court, will be borne by the marchers.

The story of the fight to save the six Trenton Negro boys, waiting execution, in the death chamber, will also be told in other stirring floats. And the sad and dignified figure of Mrs. Ingram, who is suffering a living death in the Georgia prison, will be presented.

Giant effigies of the warmongers, who set up the Atlantic Pact in preparaton for the bloodbath they invision, will also be carried.

AND LABOR'S FIGHT to crush the plot to continue the fascist Taft-Hartley law will be dramatically depicted by the May Day Committee's artists.

The official line of march in Saturday's May Day parade appears on Page 22.

American Chinese workers will join other May Day marchers in celebrating the magnificent victories of the Chinese liberation armies that are sweeping their native land free of the fascists and landlords.

Japanese Americans will also march in the Far Eastern continent of the great May Day procession.

Weisman commented on the cold response of New Yorkers to the anti-May Day parade held on Fifth Ave. last year.

The warmongers are staging another anti-May Day parade on Fifth Avenue again this Saturday with the help of discredited fascists from Europe, some veterans' leaders and members of a church hierachy, and afew reactionary labor leaders and President Truman's Secretary of Labor.

The war parade will march under the windows of the millionaires of Fifth Ave., while the peace forces march through the working-class streets of the West Side.

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Leaders of Communist Party Greet Working Class on May Day, 1949

The National Committee of the Communist Party this week issued its May Day greetings to the working people of America. The complete statement follows:

To the working men and women of America—May Day greetings from the Communist Party!

On this May Day, new and terrible dangers beset the American workers and people.

The "cold war" has entered a new phase—the phase of Wall Street's advanced military preparations for war against the Soviet Union, the phase of the North Atlantic war alliance whose ratification would wreck the United Nations peace charter and lead to world war.

The growth of fascism in the United States has been undermining the Bill of Rights. Now every democratic right is threatened with destruction.

Mounting unemployment and part-time employment are taking a heavy toll of our living standards. The developing new economic crisis menaces our people with catastrophe.

Never before was there such need for the working people of our country and of the world to strengthen their unity, their capacity for united and effective action.

American labor has long kept May Day as a day for demonstrating its will to united struggle. Workers of all lands have dedicated this day to international working class solidarity. This May Day the will to struggle is rising among the American workers, and the world camp of peace, democracy, progress and socialism grows stronger and more effective everywhere.

The forces of labor and the people can win—if they organize, unite and struggle against monopoly in the spirit of May Day's great tradition! Act together now to stop Wall Street's drive to war and fascism!

LIVING STANDARDS

Negro and white workers, trade unionists, employed and unemployed workers, women and young workers—what is happening to our living standards in this rich land? Our just wage demands are rejected, speed-up increases, mass layoffs mount—while the giant trusts pile up ever more gigantic profits.

Our taxes bolster European reaction instead of building American homes. We need more social security, more hospitals, more schools—but the wealth we produce is used to stockpile atom bombs and buy weapons of mass destruction and death.

The "cold war" promoted by the Truman Administration and the GOP is preparing total disaster for our people. How will we defend ourselves—if not in united action against the "cold war" profiteers?

Act together—now—to gain substantial wage increases, end speedup, win equal job opportunities and wages for the Negro workers, provide for the needs of the unemployed!

Oppose the war appropriations—increase the funds for social services! Tax the monopolists and multi-millionaires—make them pay for the economic crisis their war policy is deepening! Strengthen the united action of Negro and white workers, trade unionists and unemployed workers, of all progressives, non-Communists and Communists!

DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS

Workers and working farmers, sons and daughters of the Negro people, Americans of the national groups, professionals who serve the people—what is happening to our democratic rights, to the legacy of Jefferson and Lincoln?

Truman and the GOP have shelved Taft-Hartley repeal and civil rights legislation. Those who are in a hurry to rush through the North Atlantic war pact filibuster against polltax repeal. Those who want to launch a "preventive" atomic war do nothing to prevent lynching.

The "cold war" is war against the Bill of Rights and the trade unions and all people's organizations. It is thought control, imprisonment without bail, increased violence against the masses of the national groups.

Sixty-three years ago, May Day was baptized in the blood of the framed Chicago Haymarket Martyrs, who led American labor's united struggle for the eight-hour day. This year, a more desperate frameup is in the making in the political heresy trial of the 12 Communist leaders.

The Wall Street monopolies and their government are determined to outlaw the Communist Party, the leader of the people's struggles of today. In the courts, the Congress, the state legislatures, the drive to outlaw the Communist Party is advancing the rise of a police state. In the streets, the anti-Communists, the Ku Klux Klan, reactionary leaders of the American Legion and the Catholic War Veterans are inciting fascist violence against those who work for peace and democracy.

How will we defend the democratic rights of the American people—if not in united struggle to stop this Wall Street drive toward fascist dictatorship? How will we defend our trade union rights—if not in united struggle against the betrayals of the reactionary trade union officials who cannot fight Taft-Hartleyism because they are Wall Street's accomplices in the "cold war?"

Act together—NOW—to check the growth of fascism and preserve the Bill of Rights! Unite labor and all progressives in militant action for repeal of the Taft-Hartley slave law and restoration of the Wagner Labor Relations Act! Defend the right of the Negro people to full economic, political and social equality!

Defend the trade unions and all people's organizations! Defeat the conspiracy to outlaw the Communist Party!

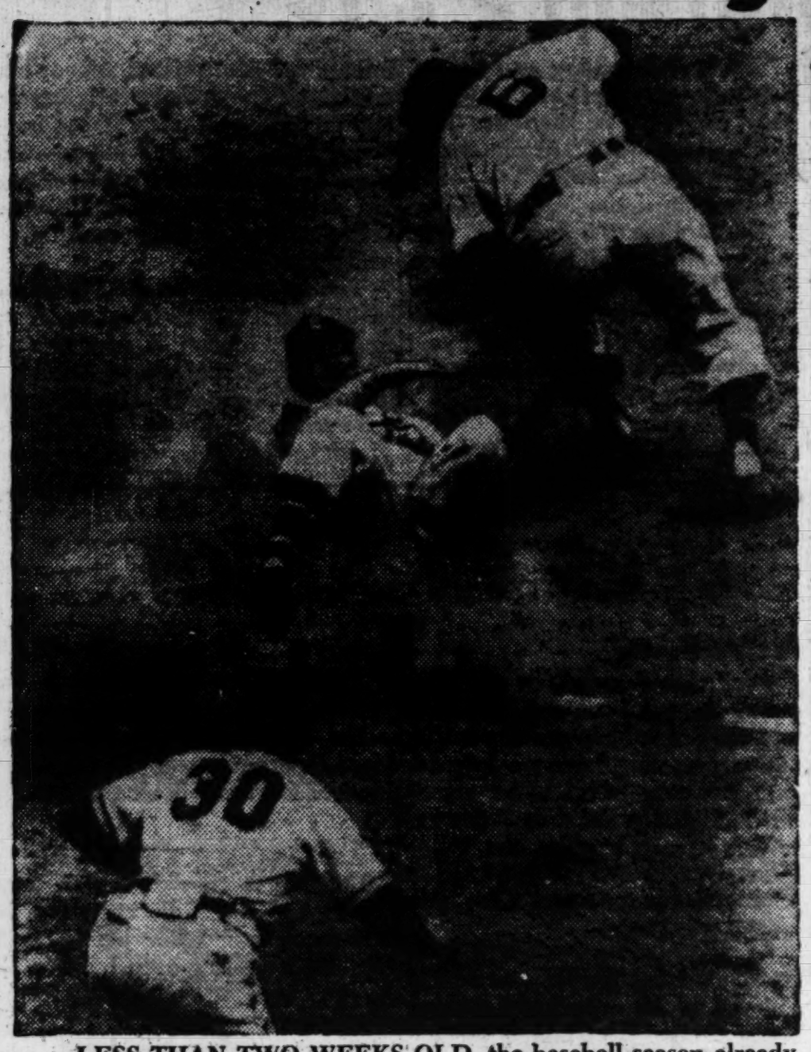
RIGHT TO ADVOCATE CHANGE

We progressive Americans, non-Communists and Communists, are children of a land that once opened new frontiers of social progress. What of our right to advocate social changes and work for social progress—what of our future?

How will the American peo-

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Off and Running!



LESS THAN TWO WEEKS OLD, the baseball season already has the fans buzzing with surprising showings all up and down the leagues. A new crop of postwar youngsters are breaking into the lineups and speeding up the baserunning — Coleman, Yanks; Merriman, Reds; Abrams, Dodgers; Groth, Tigers; Jones, Phils; Glaviano, Cards, and others.

WORKER Sports

Stan the Man Was Steelworker

Stan Musial, now generally considered baseball's greatest all-round star, is well remembered as a steel worker in his home town of Donora, Pa. Early in his professional career, Stan would play ball during the summer and work at the American Steel and Wire Company's Zinc Works during the off season. (This outfit was temporarily shut down after the smog descended on Donora last winter.)

Musial was selected as rookie of the year just six years ago. He'll be 29 next November. The left-handed hitting and throwing Stan had an early ambition to be a pitcher, but a shoulder injury forced him to give it up and take up outfielding, and hitting! His .376 last season was typical.

This is the opposite of the career of Red Ruffing, ex-Yankee great. Red started out as a slugging young outfielder, but when his big toe was crushed, limiting his running ability, he took to the mound.

On the Score Board



By Lester Rodney

Thinking Out Loud on Easter

AS YOU HAVE SEEN, we've been receiving exciting reports from the West Coast about the slugging of Luke Easter, a Negro rookie assigned by Cleveland to the San Diego farm team of the Pacific Coast League. From our enthusiastic first hand observer out yonder we are assured Easter is nothing less than the next Babe Ruth, and he backs up his opinion with raves by baseball people who have watched the 6 foot 4, 235-pound first baseman in action. There have been similar stories about Easter in the Sporting News and over the wire service.

Although I myself have helped pass along this buildup, I've gotten just a wee bit perturbed by the flat extravagance of the claims and have mulled the matter over a bit.

It's not that Easter might not indeed be the next Babe Ruth. His feats are certainly exciting to date. But it seems to me that the loud and definite proclaiming of what is still just a possibility isn't quite fair to the player himself. There are no neatly packaged sure-thing super-stars in sports, just hard working, developing players, who by virtue of physical attributes and intelligent application sometimes get to hit a baseball more often and more forcefully than most.

Just speaking baseballically for the moment, it's not hard to find signposts indicating that a little caution might well be mixed with the superlatives. The Coast League is a notorious hitters' paradise. You may remember the fabulous Lou Novikoff, who murdered coast pitching with such abandon that we printed the repeated assertions of a California correspondent of that era that Lou would come up and tear things apart. Lou came up, never got his free swinging sights adjusted to the added subtlety of big time pitching, and went back, where once again he knocked the ball against and over Coast fences with regularity.

To this we can add the terrific home run cannonading at San Diego last year of Jack Graham, a veteran minor leaguer previously found wanting by both the Dodgers and Giants. In '47, also at San Diego, ex-Boston outfielder Max West went on a similar home run tear, but failed to produce last year with Pittsburgh and is once again playing for California's southernmost city, at last reports just a whisper behind Easter in slugging.

Now this is not meant to prove that someone can't do a lot of hitting for San Diego and still come up to star. Ted Williams came to the Boston Red Sox from San Diego.

Should He HAVE TO BE Wonderful?

IN THINKING ABOUT all this, I found it impossible (and it would be wrong) to forget that Easter is a Negro. In the understandable enthusiasm over the fine prospects of one who would have been barred from organized ball just three short years ago, is it possible to almost fall unconsciously into line with the jimcrowers who set higher standards for Negroes than for whites on similar work, who often make it necessary for a Negro to be "twice as good"? I don't know. I'm just asking out loud.

Here it is. Luke Easter may be the next Babe Ruth. But he shouldn't HAVE TO BE. Let's just suppose that after all this build-up he comes up with Cleveland next year, bats .305, hits 17 home runs, and drives across 89 runs, in other words, proves himself to be a thoroughly useful big leaguer with an extra base wallop. Will we find people asking mournfully, "What's the matter with Luke Easter"? as though he had grievously let everyone down?

Imagine yourself Easter for the moment and think about how he must regard unconditional raves. Remember here that baseball is not yet one big rosy democratic dream come true. There's still discrimination and there's still extra pressure on one whose skin happens to be dark. Would you as a young interne, even an exceptionally promising one, be happy about publicity loudly proclaiming you the future top surgeon in the land? Or as a promising young piano student, still learning, would you like the burden of being labelled the next Rubenstein?

The nasty fact we must take into account is that there does exist a tendency to set super-standards for Negro men and women who have some talent in particular fields. This is not unconnected with oppression and second hand citizenship. Why can't a Negro be good, bad or indifferent like anyone else? Why is a Negro bus driver, for instance, supposed to be twice as capable, educated and "polite" than a white driver?

In baseball this double standard expressed itself in Branch Rickey's pompous statements that he wanted a college educated Negro player, not just anyone, an attitude since dropped, as it has been by the Yankees, who were looking for "the right type" of Negro player to sign.

Those Sad Questions on Robinson

I BELIEVE, and let the brickbats fall where they may, that this is also obliquely and unconsciously adopted and expressed when someone asks "What's the matter with Jackie, he hasn't got a hit in two days"? as though any ballplayer must be, or ever is, a superstar every day through the gruelling 154 game schedule. It's a question that periodically annoys me and now that I've thought about it a bit I think I'm going to stop being polite to people who ask it.

Similarily I've heard unhappiness expressed that Roy Campanella only hit .258 last yeason, and the insistence on setting higher norms for him . . . "he can hit .300, watch and see"! Well, maybe. I suspect Roy may lift his percentage ten points or so in his sophoore year. But hasn't he THE RIGHT to be just a skilled defensive workman (best in the league) and not also a great hitter? A look at the averages shows that he hit higher than Hegan of Cleveland, Masi and Salkeld of Boston,



Occupational Hazards!

Baseball Has 'Em Brother—If You Don't Think, Read This

Injuries — sore arms — spike wounds — pulled muscles — beaning by a pitched ball. These are some of the occupational hazards of our national pastime, and don't forget to average them into the total picture when you think about baseball salaries and the life expectancy of the average ballplayer in his highly skilled trade!

Here are some of the mishaps of this young season:

Joe DiMaggio, brought down by his non-healing heel, was the first and most important casualty of the spring. Bob Feller, Cleveland's pitching ace, was retired after three innings of the opener against the St. Louis Browns with a shoulder disorder that puts his fireballing career in jeopardy at the age of 31.

Ray Sanders, Boston Braves first baseman, who cracked a wrist executing a tag and will be out until June—at least. George (Whitey) Kurowski of the St. Louis Cardinals, who already were shy on manpower. The veteran third baseman threw his arm out.

Leroy (Satchel) Paige, the 40-odd year old Cleveland pitcher who strained his side shagging fly balls and is out indefinitely.

Charley Keller of the Yankees, who pulled a muscle in his side at a time when DiMag was on the shelf along with Johnny Lindell, pitcher Bob Porterfield, George Stirnweiss, Charley Silvera and Clarence Marshall. All had baseball-incurred injuries.

Then there are the Washington pitching patients—Ed Klieman, and Joe Haynes. Klieman has an injured index finger on his pitching hand, Haynes has a shoulder strain.

And outfielder Hank Edwards of Cleveland who received a shoulder separation swinging at a pitch.

Some of the other boys had close calls. Big Ralph Kiner of the Pittsburgh Pirates was hit in the head by a batted ball on the West Coast and was out for a couple of days while everyone kept their fingers crossed.

Richie Ashburn of the Phillies, one of the top rookies in '48, was hit in the eye by a thrown ball while rounding third base trying to score. He came out of it okay.

Dick Kokos and Paul Lehner, St. Louis Brownie outfielders, crashed under a fly ball and were lugged off the field.

Outfielder Clint Conatser of the Braves was beaned by rookie pitcher Frank Fanovich of Cincinnati and carried out on a stretcher. He started to wear a headgear—when the regular season opened.

Catcher Del Rice of the Cardinals and Sal Yvars of the Giants fractured fingers on their catching hands.

So it goes!



Prison Transfer Peril Mrs. Ingram's Life

ATLANTA, Ga.—Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram, mother of 12 given a life sentence with her two sons for defending herself against an attack by a white farmer, was moved from Richmond County prison farm to the Reidsville State penitentiary this week.

Reidsville prison is one of the most brutal penal institutions in the state. The transfer is a threat to Mrs. Ingram's life. She has a bad heart condition.

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LOCAL CITIZENS have protested her transfer to pen notorious for beatings and tortures. The move is viewed as an attempt to prevent visits to Mrs. Ingram from delegations participating in the nationwide movement to free her and her sons.

Protests should be sent to R. E. Warren, chairman of the Board of Correction, State Capitol, Atlanta, Ga., demanding that Mrs. Ingram be transferred to a hospital until released.

AUGUSTA, Ga.—National protests had made Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram "so famous" that he "asked the Board of Corrections to take her away," John McMurray, warden of Richmond County Farm asserted this week.

McMurray complained that a deluge of visitors, phone calls, bags of letters and telegrams threatened to destroy prison discipline. According to the warden, the main purpose of the prison was to work women prisoners, but this was made impossible by the constant interruptions.

"She was becoming so famous," McMurray said of Mrs. Ingram, "that we couldn't keep her here and I asked the Board of Corrections to take her away."

Members of the National Committee to Free the Ingrams, who will take the case to the Human Rights Commission of the United Nations next month, had visited Mrs. Ingram on the Richmond County farm earlier this month.
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MRS. INGRAM has been an inmate of six prisons since her arrest and conviction nearly a year and a half ago. Her two sons—Sammy Lee and Wallace—who came to her rescue are also serving life sentences in Reidsville, the prison to which she was transferred last week.

The Ingrams were first jailed in Ellaville, but moved from Americus to Albany, Macon, Reidsville and to Richmond. Each time Mrs. Ingram's transfer was requested by the warden because of the expressed public interest in her case.

About Woman

A conference was held in Albany under the auspices of the Women's Division of the Progressive Party of New York State April 23.

Among the well known Negro women who played a great part in the organization of the meeting were Mrs. Ada B. Jackson, Miss Halois Moorehead of the AFL; Miss Winifred Norman of United Office and Professional Workers; Mrs. Agnes Doe, Harlem Council on Education; Dr. Catharine Lealtad of East Harlem Board of Health; Mrs. Marvel Cooke, formerly of Harlem Women for Wallace; Miss Daisy George of Local 6, AFL, and Miss Mildred McAdory of the CIO Furniture Workers Union.

Mrs. Jackson was elected state chairman. The theme of the conference was "A Crisis Confronts American Women."

Resolutions were passed on peace, education, civil liberties, organization and the working women.

The women of Harlem will play a part in translating the resolutions of the conference into political action by the formation of strong Women's Councils throughout the community.

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THE MOTHERS of Harlem are standing behind the progressive teachers in the fight against the Feinberg Law which was passed in the New York State Legislature a few weeks ago. That law, if enforced, will make it possible for the Board of Regents to fire—as "Communist" — any teacher who supports parents in their fight for improving the conditions in the schools. Every parent's association or PTA should get in touch with the Teachers Union at 206 W. 15 St. for material about the law and how to combat it.

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THIS WEEK, three children and an adult were injured by an automobile when the driver lost control of a car on 129 St. near Madison Ave. The All Saints Catholic School is located in the vicinity and the accident occurred during the time when the children were being dismissed from school after 3 p.m.

A child ran out into the street and the driver swerved to avoid hitting the child and ran onto the sidewalk causing the tragedy. There was no policeman on the scene at the time, though many came soon after the accident occurred.

The mothers should find out why there is inadequate protection for the children around the school areas.

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Urge Officials to Aid Ingram Family

The National Committee to Free the Ingrams this week expressed alarm over the removal of Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram from Richmond County Farm to Reidsville Prison.

Sen. Mary Chase Smith was asked in a telegram by the group "not to let democracy be crucified" by permitting Mrs. Ingram to remain in jail. The transfer of the Negro mother of 14 to the notorious Reidsville Prison was called by the committee "a disgrace to America" and an "outrage against womanhood and motherhood."

Sen. Smith was urged to ask Georgia Senators why Mrs. Ingram was transferred. Similar requests were sent to Representatives Helen Gahagan Douglas, Adam C. Powell and Vito Marcantonio.

A call was issued to committee sponsors throughout the country for a stepped up protest campaign against the treatment of the Ingrams and for demands for their freedom.

National headquarters of the Committee to Free the Ingrams is the Theresa Hotel, 125th Street and Seventh Avenue in New York City.

Harlem Jobless Will Parade On May Day

Harlem's unemployed will march in the May Day parade, the newly organized Unemployed Welfare and Allied Council decided unanimously last week. The decision was made at a meeting held April 20 in Eureka Hall, 36 W. 128 St.

Though the Council is still in its organizational stage, **it is ready for concrete action at relief bureaus in behalf of the jobless.** William Stanley, executive secretary, asks anyone in need of welfare assistance to get in touch with him at his home, 131 W. 112 St., until a headquarters is established for the council.

All unemployed were urged to join the Unemployed Welfare and Allied Council contingent in the May Day parade, which will form on 39 St. between Ninth and 10th Aves.

A constitution committee and temporary executive were chosen. A group of jobless from East Harlem who attended the meeting agreed to work temporarily with the Harlem Council, while preparing to set up a branch council in their own district.

Elect Negro

HEMPSTEAD, L. I.—Christopher P. Bythewood, 40, funeral director of 171 Bennett Ave., this week became the first Negro to be elected to the Hempstead Board of Education.

...Not So Funny

LAST WEEK WAS Rose-Colored-Glasses Week among some of the bulge-brains who turn out newspaper columns. Sandwiched among the snake oil ads were thousands of words assuring us it's nasty to be nasty about jimcrow. For those shrewd enough to have missed those columns, we offer a brief summary. We hope you have your seasick remedies close at hand.

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OLD MAN BURLEY stashed the jive and came alive and said a fish'll get you five if job jimcrow ain't took a dive. After reminding the reader that Negroes can go to theatres, night clubs and restaurants, he said he's tired of hearing anti-jimcrow complaints from the jobless. Much Negro unemployment, he said, is because some applicants smell bad and others lie. That suggests a novel cure for jimcrow—a Boy Scout oath and a jar of Mum.

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ON THE SAME general subject, M. Moran Weston tells of a Negro job seeker who was downcast until he had a series of inspirational chats with—you guessed it—M. Moran Weston. M. Moran Weston restored that man's confidence and he soon had a job. As any moron can tell you, confidence is 90 percent of the battle. Confidence and readiness to clean cuspidors for $19 a week.

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GEORGE SCHUYLER, the eminent broken field runner, made a dash around end (right end, of course), with a big mess of lingo to the effect that Harlem is NOT overcrowded. Anyone who says Harlem is overcrowded is being unfair to Harlemites, complains George. Personally, we think anyone says Harlem is overcrowded is being unfair to the landlords and bankers and cops and all. It's high time someone wrote a fearless column in defense of bankers. Let George do it. Do it? He done it!

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LESTER GRANGER was on a sensitive kick. He said it's not nice to suggest that the Negro people have common interests. It's not nice, he said, to talk of the "masses" of Negro people. He's got something there. When the Negro masses get together and realize their individual welfare is tied to the welfare of all the working class—what will happen to Nelson Rockefeller? And if something happened to Nelson Rockefeller what would happen to Lester Granger? And if something happened to Lester Granger what would happen?

IMPORTANT BULLETIN: Rat classes are now in progress. People who attend them will learn how to get rid of rats. We haven't had a chance to drop around there yet, but we assume that the course teaches you how to get a nice, sunny, well-ventilated, modern apartment in which garbage is disposed of by incinerator and the landlord keeps the cellars and halls spotlessly clean. Like in Stuyvesant Town.

Eyes on Africa

By "VIGILANS"

As I have seen no complete quotation and I am not willing to rely on garbled reports carried by newspapers that have no love for Paul Robeson or what he stands for, I do not pretend to know exactly what he said at the Peace Conference in Paris with regard to American Negroes and their attitude toward war.

Others, however, without waiting to find out the facts, used the occasion of his speech for making breast-beating declarations of their patriotism, and attempting to tie black Americans to a "my country right or wrong" stand.

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I WOULD LIKE to ask these gentlemen, who rush to the newspapers to declare the readiness of American Negroes to fight a war against Russia or anybody else, if they know what they are really saying.

Do they believe that their fellow-Americans, white or Negro, would give their lives for the sake of keeping Asia and Africa, the West Indies and the American Southland safe for the profit of that powerful and privileged minority that controls these areas of the world?

Do they believe black Americans will join in the wars in which the Atlantic Pact allies of the United States are now engaged against the oppressed people of Indo-China (France), Indonesia (Holland), and Malaya (Great Britain)—not to mention their undeclared war carried on endlessly against my own people in Africa?

THE WAR AGAINST the Soviet Union and the free peoples of Europe and Asia, if it should come—and it can't if the people stand firm—will be simply an expansion of the wars which the imperialists are now waging against freedom-hungry colonial peoples. It will be a war for world-domination for profits.

Do American Negroes or any loyal Americans—want to fight that kind of a war? I don't think so.

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AS FOR MY BROTHERS in Africa, what they feel was very clearly and forcefully expressed as follows, a long while before Paul Robeson's Paris speech by a well-known African novelist, Peter Abrahams:

"War with Russia would mean that the vast majority of His Majesty's black subjects, and they constitute the numerical strength of the British Commonwealth and empire, would be, wither passive or active saboteurs.

"It would be so because for the dark-skinned peoples, particularly the peoples of Africa, Russia represents . . . their 'secret dram.'

"In strange places in and outside Africa and from the ordinary, common people of South, East, Central and West Africa, I have been told that there is no color bar in the Soviet Union. Some black men, unable to read or write, have quoted the Stalin Constitution to me to show that it is a crime to practice any form of racial exclusivism.

"The race-ridden and land-hungry folk of Africa are not interested in the name of the system, whether it is Socialism or a dictatorship. They are satisfied that there is no color bar in Russia.

"Because the Russians come nearest to symbolizing the secret dreams of millions of black folk, colonials have a passionate and personal interest in the Russian state and people. It has nothing or very little to do with party politics or the red bogey. It is something simple and huma

COLLEGE FUND—THE OLD 'OIL'

Figures show that it would take $265,000,000 to equalize educational opportunities for Negroes and whites in the South.

This week, amid festivities at the swank Rainbow Room in Rockefeller Center, the 1949 United Negro College Fund drive for $1,400,000 began under the guidance of politician Harold Stassen, oil millionaire John D. Rockefeller and some of their Uncle Tom stooges.

At the rate of $1,400,000 a year it would take over 180 years to do the job that the Constitution guaranteed Negro citizens in the 15th Amendment 79 years ago, and which the Democratic Party promised in its civil rights program during the last election

Stassen, Rockefeller and their cohorts apparently can wait until the year 2129 to "give" Negroes equality in education. Meanwhile they are using their sponsorship of the Negro college fund to "starve" Negro institutions, while appearing to aid their "unfortunate brethren."

But Negro youth cannot wait. They cannot survive on $1,400,000 bones tossed into the educational doghouse, while top dogs in the manger like Duke University, Durham, N. C., amass endowments of $47,685,096.

Nor can men like Stassen and Rockefeller be allowed to use the Negro college fund as a mask for the white chauvinism, discrimination, segregation and other forms of anti-Negro bias that have proven so profitable for them.

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For a Better America! For Peace!

IT WAS OUR OWN COUNTRY, America, which gave May Day to the world back in 1886, when the AFL started it.

We're proud of that fact. Why do we celebrate this day along with the rest of the working men and women of other lands?

Because we love America, our country, and want it to be a better place to live in.

Because we hate war, and love peace.

What makes America great? Its people, not its bankers or munition makers. Its working class, its farmers and the genius of the Negro people make it great.

We celebrate May Day because we take our stand with our country against the Wall Street minority which robs the nation.

We choose America as against Wall Street.

We celebrate May Day for these things:

For higher wages for Labor to meet the profiteering of the big corporations.

For shorter hours without any cut in pay to fight the growing unemployment spread by the private owners of industry.

For the repeal of the hated Taft-Hartley law and the re-enactment of the Wagner Act.

For the wiping out of all discrimination against the Negro people. For a Federal anti-lynch law and an anti-bias FEPC.

For Government housing projects instead of battleships and atomic bombers. For schools instead of cannon and machine guns. For butter, not guns.

For an end to the horrible "cold war" and a return to President Roosevelt's "great plan" for American-Soviet cooperation.

For a Truman-Stalin peace conference instead of the war-making Atlantic War Pact.

We celebrate because we want our America to march forward to more democracy and greater security.

We celebrate because we believe in the Brotherhood of Man which can be achieved only under Socialism which will end the private ownership of our country's industries.

We want the billions spent for death and war to be spent to wipe out the slums. We march against "thought control," "loyalty purges" and the effort to outlaw the Bill of Rights by first outlawing the party of Socialism, the Communist Party. We want to see our America free of poverty, insecurity, economic crises and the threat of war.

We want to see an America in which not a single child will be hungry or deprived of sunshine, good food, good education and a happy useful life. We want to see our youth, our sons and daughters, prepared for life not for war and death.

We celebrate May Day to demonstrate our patriotism and our solidarity with all working men of all countries. True patriotism cannot rest on national hatred of other peoples or "race superiority" lies.

We salute our dream of a Socialist America owned and governed by the common people, led by the working class.

Celebrate with us! For a better America! For peace!

Chicago Workers Started May Day

IN THE spring of 1886, American labor was coming into its strong young manhood. Everywhere, unions were springing up and growing, and the Knights of Labor, once an underground organization, was now a great national brotherhood with 700,000 members. The organizing battlecry of the time was "An eight-hour day at the same wages!" And under that slogan, labor all over America was on the march.

In Chicago, particularly, labor was well-organized and militant, with a 20-year record of struggle behind it. By the end of April, 1886, almost 100,000 workers were out on strike, in and around the city—including the already infamous McCormick Harvester Works.

Leaders in this local movement for the eight-hour day were Albert Parsons and August Spies, both active labor leaders and revolutionary socialists.

May Day, the first May Day, was a successful mass demonstration, without any of the violence the capitalist press had predicted. On May 3, August Spies spoke at a mass meeting of McCormick workers. This meeting was attacked by the police, and six workers were murdered. Spies and Parsons called for a demonstration against this brutality, to be held the following evening at Haymarket Square.

The meeting of protest, the following night, was a peaceful one. Parsons had already spoken and left, and the meeting was almost over when 200 police appeared with drawn revolvers charged the few hundred workers who remained. At that moment, a bomb was thrown.

It has never been established who threw the bomb, but every bit of evidence subsequently gathered points to a Pinkerton agent.

What followed was the most shameful anti-labor witch-hunt America ever knew, culminating in brutal judicial murder of four social-revolutionaries, Albert Parsons, August Spies, George Engel, and Adolph Fischer. Parsons, it should be noted, had already left the meeting when the bomb was thrown.

Though millions of Americans raised their voices in protest, these four men were hanged. They died bravely. As the trap was sprung, August Spies cried out:

"There will come a time when our silence will be more powerful than the voices you strangle today."

And, indeed, so long as there are American workers, they will never forget the four heroes of Haymarket.

A Famous Novelist Tells of Haymarket

By HOWARD FAST

(A selection reprinted from the novel "THE AMERICAN, A Midwest Legend.")

PRESENTLY, the funeral procession came into sight. It was not what he might have expected; certainly not what the city authorities expected when they granted permission for the funeral to be held. There was no music, no sound other than the slow tread of feet and the soft sobbing of women. And with that, all other sounds, all other noises appeared to die away, as if a great and woeful pall of silence overhung the whole city.

First, there came a man with a flag; the only flag in the whole procession, a worn and faded Stars and Stripes that had marched proudly at the head of a regiment in the Civil War; and the man who carried it was a veteran, a middle-aged man with a face like gray stone.

Then came the hearses and the caskets; then the carriages in which the families rode. They were old, open carriages. In one of them Altgeld saw Lucy Parsons, sitting with her two children, staring straight ahead of her.

THEN came the close friends, the comrades of those who had died. They walked four abreast, and their faces too were gray, like the face of the Civil War veteran.

Then came a group of well-dressed men and women, many of whom Altgeld knew and recognized. They were lawyers, judges, doctors, teachers, small businessmen, and many others who had come into the fight to save the five dead men.

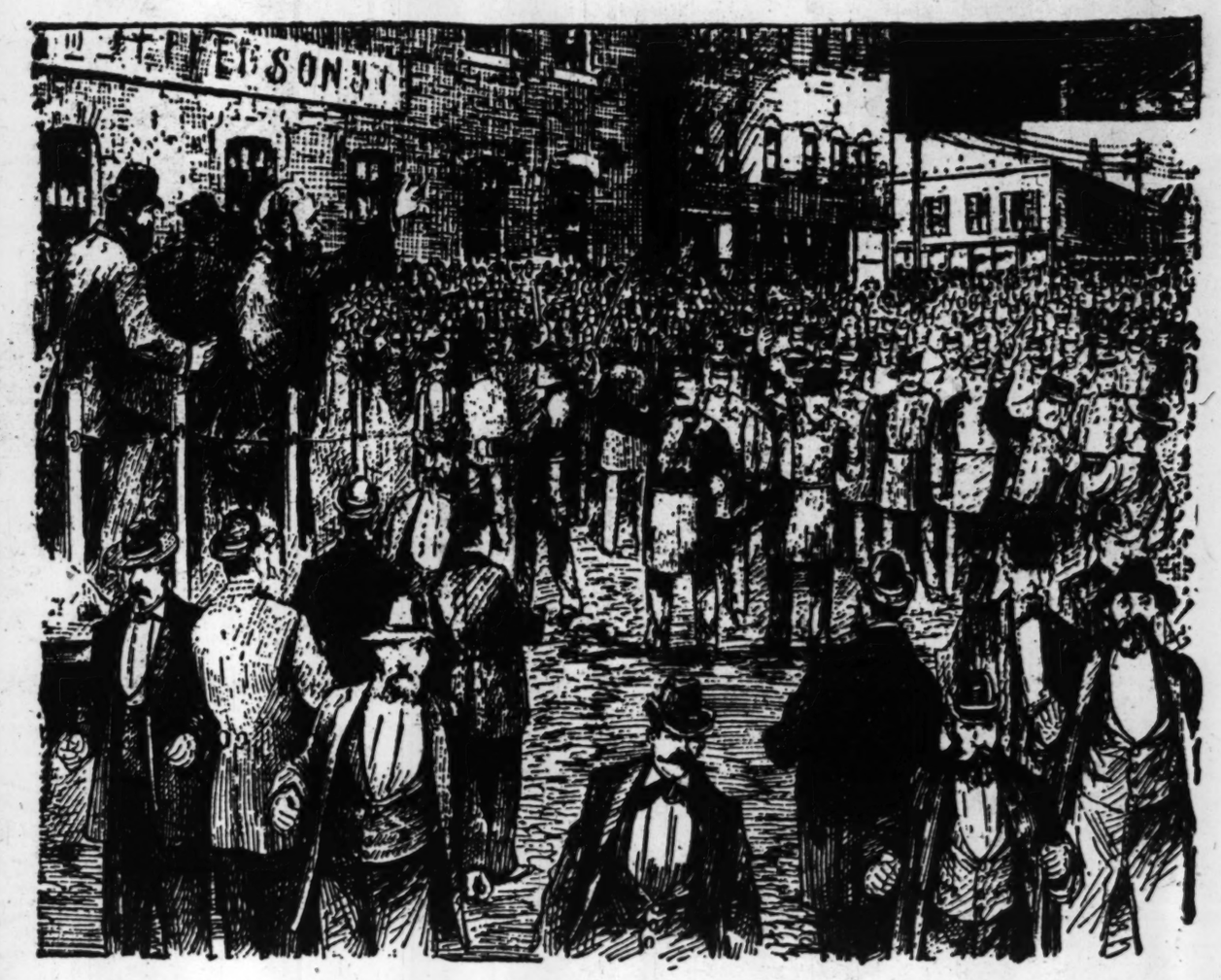
Then came the workers, and to them, apparently, there was no end. They were from the packing houses, the lumber yards, the McCormick plant, and the Pullman plant; they were from the mills, the fertilizer pits, the railyards, and the canneries; they were from the flophouses of unemployed, from the road, from the wheatfields, from the streets of Chicago and a dozen other cities.

Many were in their best, the one good suit, the black suit in which they were married; many had their wives with them; children walked with them too, and some carried children in their arms. But there were enough who had no other clothes than the clothes they worked in, and they wore their overalls, their blue jeans, and their flannel shirts. There were cowhands who had ridden 500 miles and more to Chicago, thinking that where men believed and willed, this thing could be stopped; and when it had not been stopped, they stayed to walk in the procession in their awkward, high-heeled boots. There were red-faced farmers from the prairies about the city, there were locomotive engineers, and there were sailors from the Great Lakes.

THERE were also hundreds and hundreds of policemen and Pinkerton operatives along the line of march, but when they say this they stood quietly, put away their guns they had in their hands, and stared at the ground.

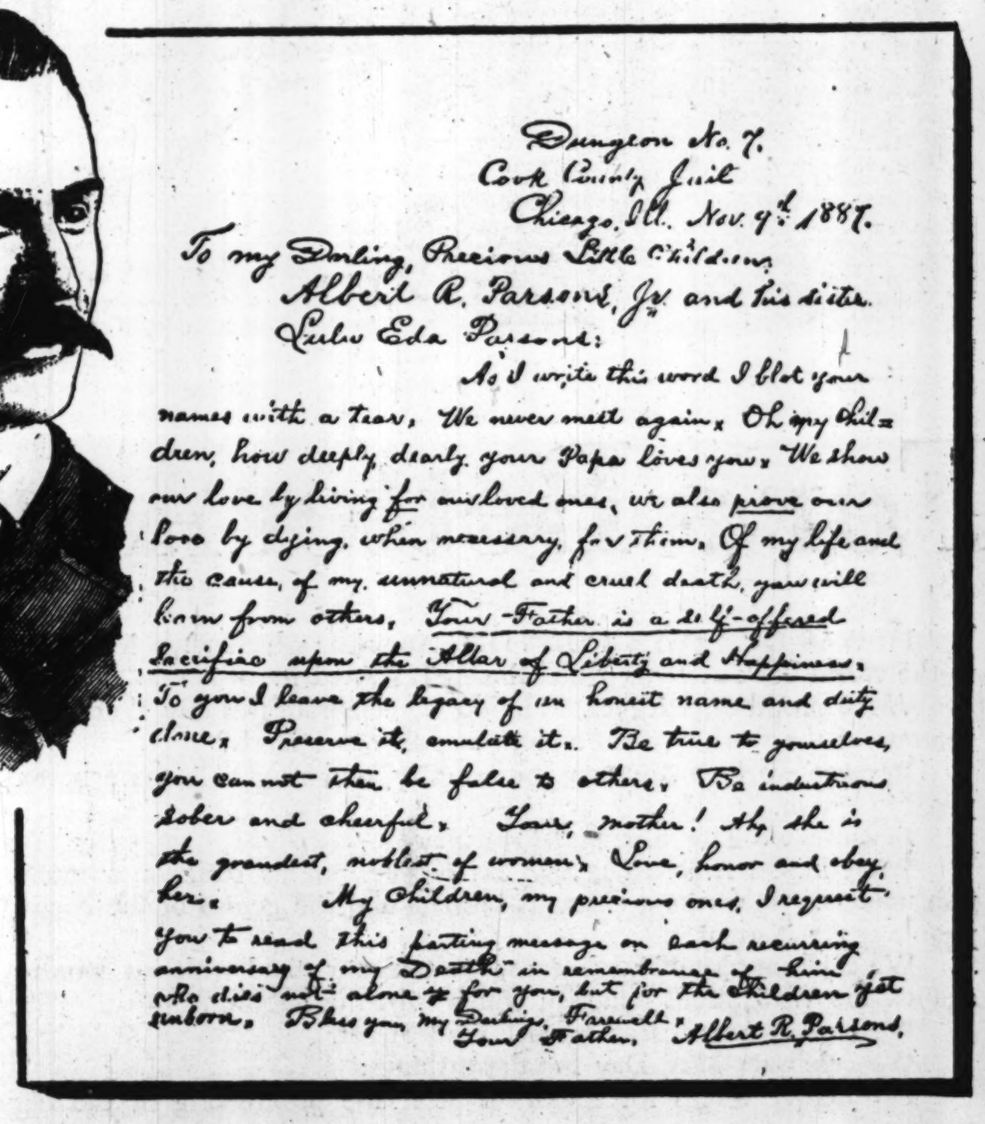
For the workers were quiet. You could hear their breathing and you could hear the crunching tread of their feet, but there was no word you could hear. No one spoke; not the men, not the women, not even the children. Nor did any of the people who lined the streets break the silence.

And still the workers came on. For an hour Altgeld stood there, and still they came, shoulder to shoulder, their faces like stone, the tears running slowly and unwiped. Another hour, yet there was no end to them; how many thousands had passed, he could not guess, nor could he guess how many thousands more were to come; but he knew one thing that never before in the history of the land, not even whene the most beloved of all leaders, Abe Lincoln, had died, was there such a funeral as this.



THE HAYMARKET MEETING (a contemporary print)





Dungeon No. 7.
Cook County Jail
Chicago, Ill. Nov. 9th 1887.

To my Darling, Precious Little Children,
Albert R. Parsons, Jr. and his sister
Lulu Eda Parsons:

As I write this word I blot your names with a tear. We never meet again. Oh my Children, how deeply dearly your Papa loves you. We show our love by living for our loved ones, we also prove our love by dying, when necessary, for them. Of my life and the cause of my unnatural and cruel death, you will learn from others. Your Father is a self-offered Sacrifice upon the Altar of Liberty and Happiness. To you I leave the legacy of an honest name and duty done. Preserve it, emulate it. Be true to yourselves, you cannot then be false to others. Be industrious, sober and cheerful. Your, mother! Oh, she is the grandest, noblest of women. Love, honor and obey her. My Children, my precious ones, I request you to read this parting message on each recurring anniversary of my Death in remembrance of him who dies not alone for you, but for the children yet unborn. Bless you, my Darlings. Farewell.
Your Father, Albert R. Parsons.

ALBERT PARSONS (inset) and his last letter, written to his children. It reads:

"As I write this word I blot your names with a tear. We never meet again. Oh, my children, how dearly your papa loves you. We show our love by living for our loved ones; we also prove our love by dying, when necessary, for them. Of my life and the cause of my unnatural and cruel death, you will learn from others. Your father is a self-offered sacrifice upon the altar of Liberty and Happiness. To you I leave the legacy of an honest name and duty done. Preserve it, emulate it. Be true to yourselves you cannot then be false to others. Be industrious, sober and cheerful. Your mother! She is the grandest, noblest of women. Love, honor and obey her. My children, my precious ones, I request you to read this parting message on each recurring anniversary of my death in remembrance of him who dies not alone for you, but for the children yet unborn. Bless you, my darlings. Farewell."

Labor Has Power To Enforce Peace



An evaluation of the changed balance of forces in the world since last May Day. The facts show not only is war not inevitable, but the workingclasses have the power to impose peace on the war-mongering governments.

By JOSEPH STAROBIN

MAY DAY will be celebrated differently in various parts of the world this week, but everywhere one single thought will be uppermost in the minds of marching workers – and that is, peace.

To restore peace where wars are now wracking entire peoples, and to maintain a long period of peace for peaceful reconstruction and social change: this has become the central problem of the labor and Communist movement everywhere, and it has enlisted millions of people who are neither workers nor Communists.

"We are not here to ask for peace," said the great French scientist, Frederic Joliot-Curie, in opening the World Congress for Peace in Paris last week. "We are here to impose it."

That is the mood of the tremendous tide for peace which has swept Europe, Asia and Latin America as the distinctive fact of the year between the May Days.

Not imploring the rulers of the capitalist world, but serving notice on them that labor and its allies are strong enough to maintain and enforce peace: this is the main meaning of this year's May Day.

Whence Comes the Threat of War

That the demand for peace should be the major slogan of the traditional springtime holiday, four years after V-E Day, is a reflection of how desperately the imperialist system has re-marshalled its strength after the heavy blows of the anti-fascist struggle.

For the threat of war comes from the fact that the system of capitalism did not change its character in the battle against Hitler; it emerged weaker, but for that reason all the more desperate. Instead of a settlement with the Soviet Union and the peoples of Europe, the imperialist world, led by the United States, has preferred the prolonged crisis of the "cold war" in the hope of gaining time during which to recover its strength and to be better able to oppose the Soviet Union, the working class forces of Europe and the peoples of the colonies.

Instead of obeying the principle of letting each people determine its own affairs, a civil war was foisted on Greece, and threatened in Italy and France, while in the Far East, a series of wars were opened up in China, against Indonesia, against the Malayans and Indo-Chinese.

Rather than letting the anti-fascist war go to its logical conclusion, the men of Washington and Wall Street and their junior partners of all the colonial powers preferred to precipitate wars as the technique of stemming progress and Socialism. And simultaneously they set about preparing their own peoples and their own economies for war against the Soviet Union.

"If we are forced to choose between economic crisis and war," the former Connecticut Congresswoman, Clare Boothe Luce, was quoted as saying this winter, "we shall choose war." That is the classic way of capitalism.

They have finally codified that policy in the North Atlantic Pact. They are trying their utmost to put themselves in a "military posture," as the former secretary of state, George Marshall, used to say, before the economic crisis hits them, and in order to stave that crisis off.

But that is only one side, and not the whole picture. For the men of Washington and Wall Street are not just jittery, nervous, and desperate as a matter of nature: it is because the rela-

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Labor Faces a Great Decision

By GEORGE MORRIS

AMERICA'S 15,000,000 - strong labor movement faces the biggest test in its history. The stake is so tremendous that not only is its own future in the balance but its powerful influence on the life of all America will be determined.

The question that may well be answered by next May Day, is whether the unprecedented strength labor now commands will be a progressive force in America or whether it will take the shape of a Taft-Hartleyized political and industrial company union.

Primarily the question is whether the growing progressive and militant trend among the rank and file of organized workers will be strong enough to break through the paralyizng hold of the top leadership. Will it force them to at least yield to an extent to the will of their members?

At this moment, although there is as yet no nationwide surge of rank and file activity, a thought process is going on that may soon express itself in a widespread movement from below. The workers are re-examining a whole chain of issues upon which the bulk of them have tacitly accepted the advice of the right wing leadership. Fast-moving experience within the short space of some six months since the election and the AFL and CIO conventions, is causing the workers to view problems in a different light.

Illusions Die Hard, But Die They Do

• The rosy pre-election promises of Truman are showing up as little more than election campaign humbug. The right wing labor leaders, to cover up their own bankrupt attachment to the Democratic Party, are more busy alibying Truman's failure to deliver upon them than in doing something to make any of them good. What does that do to rightwing claims that labor's future hopes are bound up with one of the political parties of big business?

• The beautiful pipedreams preached by rightwing leaders of a continuing and prolonged prosperity based on employer-labor collaboration for a "full employment" and "high wage" economy have been shattered.

The first and sizable instalment of the developing depression is here in the form of an estimated 5,000,000 unemployed and more millions on part-time work. Since December, average weekly earnings in manufacturing industries dropped $1.64 according to the government. What, wonders the worker, has happened to the beautiful post-war perspective of a "crisisless" capitalism based on rising mass purchasing power?

• The Marshall Plan, the workers were told, is simply a relief scheme to "feed the hungry and clothe the naked," and to secure our own "prosperity" through a "recovered" Europe.

Now more and more news trickles through from Europe showing that the hungry are not fed. "Recovered" countries like Belgium are plagued by mass unemployment. Now the Atlantic Pact, an open war step, is made part of the foreign policy "package." What, workers wonder, happened to the line that promised them the Marshall Plan was security of peace?

Red-baiting Didn't Pay Off the CIO

• Philip Murray and William Green have been telling the workers that, through cooperation with employers for more production, workers could have peaceful collective bargaining and advancing living standards.

The workers as a result were speeded up to unprecedented levels. Profits went to undreamed of heights. But wages continued to lag behind the cost of living index. And now the employers could do with a few million fewer workers. Layoffs are on. Doesn't that, wonder many workers, shatter the idea that workers could gain anything by kowtowing to employers?

• The CIO's leaders have been telling their members that if the organization eliminates the "red" taint of which it was so often "suspected", it would become "respectable." Employers would readily bargain with it and workers would flock into its ranks.

But workers now see that, far from becoming "respected," the CIO lost heavily in membership, especially from right wing unions, a number of which are almost extinct. Seldom does the CIO beat the AFL in elections these days. Raiding of left unions has only brought discredit upon the entire CIO, dragged strife into its ranks, and weakened its bargaining power.

Far from showing inclination to "respect" the CIO, big business, through the Chamber of Commerce Bulletin for March denounced the CIO's leaders as "Marxists"! This unbelievable denunciation said:

"CIO pamphlets, the Economic Outlook and the CIO News regularly carry a heavy cargo of hates and slurs toward employers, toward our way of life, in the form of words and cartoons.

"Hour after hour, day after day, and week upon week, this literature is poured into the American home for men, women and children to see and have their minds and outlooks shaped by it.

"CIO leaders, while not Communists themselves, are continuing the Marxist ideology. Profits and profit motives are under constant attack in the CIO literature, while the wage motive is indorsed."

Obviously, only out and out company-unionism could satisfy the C. of C. What, wonders the workers, has become of the idea that red-baiting will "make us respectable?"

Picture Already Beginning to Change

Such are the thoughts that go through the minds of millions of workers today. Few give expression to them at meetings because seldom do more than one percent of the membership turn up at regular membership meetings. Right wing leaders deliberately keep their organizations dormant. They are fearful of stimulating attendance, interest and activity among the members because they are not able to answer the question members ask these days. They are equally fearful of membership pressure for demands that could be won only through a struggle.

Where the leadership is progressive, or the rank and file breaks through with vigor and militancy, the picture is beginning to change. The recent local elections in the United Automobile Workers, indicating a significant shift

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away from Walter Reuther's camp, show some of the trends among the workers. The growing list of unions that are pressing for a wage raise, notably the rubber, packinghouse and others not led by the left, is another indication. A growing list of local unions in the steel plants, too, are insisting that wage raises be the No. 1 demand.

The devolping wage movement, stimulated largely by progressive-led unions and the miners, is shattering the original plan of the right wing officialdom to confine demands this year to just some "fringe" issues, notably some health and welfare provisions. Much as the workers want the latter, they are not ready to sidetrack wages, especially in view of the fact that the average worker is still about 20 percent behind the wage standard he enjoyed at the end of the war.

The absence of any officially-inspired preparation for a possible struggle as negotiations get under way in right-wing-run steel, auto and maritime unions, strengthens further the suspicion that the leaders did not originally intend to press for substantial demands.

Kind of Program Needed in This Period

Most important of all, however, is the shaping of a progressive program designed to bring the kind of spirit and unity that could once again put the labor movement on the road to progress and organization of more millions of unorganized, like in the formative days of the CIO. Especially noteworthy in that respect is the series of resolutions passed at the recent convention of Harry Bridges' International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union. Here are some of the major decisions:

• Preservation of the autonomy of every CIO affiliate and the right of each to have a real say in shaping of CIO policies.

• A policy for peace, not the Atlantic war pact.

• Continuance of affiliation with the World Federation of Trade Unions and the principles of labor internationalism.

• No tie to any political party, but full right of members or CIO affiliates to support any party or candidate they wish.

• Organization of the unorganized and an end to the "self-destructive" weapon of raiding.

• For a struggle to defend all democratic rights, with defense of the 12 Communist leaders viewed as of importance to all labor.

• Repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law without any strings attached.

• For a policy of new wage increases and complete rejection of right wing theories that would tie wages to the cost of living index, profit accounts or productivity.

• Prepare for the developing crisis with a program for unemployed among which are included the shorter work-week, trade with China and the socialist-led countries, higher jobless benefits, government projects, etc.

• Amalgamate the maritime unions into one powerful organization. In the meantime have joint action of all maritime unions.

This is the type of a program upon which all constructive forces in the labor movement could unite.

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tionship of forces between their old world and the new world that is coming to birth has been changing rapidly in this year between the May Days.

The Soviet Union, the first socialist state and the bulwark of world socialism, has grown immeasurably stronger. It has continued to stand firm against the bulldozing tactics of imperialism. Its own standards of living have jumped, and only the other day plans were announced for new jumps within three years. Almost complete mechanization of agriculture, for example, something which should make Americans, of all people, sit up and take notice.

The peoples democracies of Eastern Europe, despite the treachery of the Tito group in Yugoslavia, have all grown stronger. They still have "kinks" in their economies, and serious problems to iron out, especially in terms of developing a more sensible and economic way of producing agricultural goods. But nobody can deny that the power of the working class is now firmly consolidated.

The third big fact is the People's Revolution in China, which swept through the entire North and cleared Manchuria last fall, and is now sweeping forward south of the Yangtze. There are hardly adequate words to describe what the completion of the 20 years liberation struggle in China means for the peoples of Asia, who make up half the human race, and for all the world.

Peoples Reject The Atlantic Pact

Add to all this the remarkable resiliency and combativity of the working-class of Western Europe, particularly of France and Italy and the rebirth of the working class of Germany, and you get a clearer picture of why the imperialists are desperate, but also why the movement for peace expresses the greater strength of the democratic-Socialist camp. Despite everything that's been hurled at the French and Italian Communist movements, they have not only stood their ground, but have seized on the battle for peace as the way to unite even larger masses than their own following.

The strategists of Wall Street and Washington already admit that any attack on the Soviet Union today involves the loss of Western Europe not only to the Red Army, but to the peoples of Western Europe rising up in revolt to restore peace. The problem of the Atlantic Pact strategy, said chief of staff Omar Bradley last month, is not how Europe shall be reconquered, but how it shall be held in case of war. That runs directly up against the fact that Western Europe does not want to become the battleground, and says "no, thank you" to the promise of destruction attending "defense" or "liberation."

The Question For Americans

The governments of Western Europe have signed the Pact. But the peoples of Western Europe do not recognize the signature or the obligation. This in itself is a tremendous addition of strength to the forces of peace, stretching eastward to the Pacific.

But May Day, which began as an American holiday, poses the severest challenge to Americans. In the face of what this May Day means to the rest of the world, what does it mean to America?

Are we going to continue to be misled along the present path which ranges against us the overwhelming majority of the human race? Are we going to continue to let Washington and Wall Street press us further on the road that has so obviously failed to lead to peace within four years, despite the repeated promises that it would?

Shall it be heavier armaments, more poisonous hatreds against other peoples, more staggering hostility from a world which sees the only obstacle to peace as coming from our country?

May Day should talk the language of the average man, which is the universal tongue today, the language of peace. May Day ought to be the time for Americans to wake up, and see their real position in the changing world, and step forward quickly into the vanguard of humanity, lest we be left behind and find humanity against us, and holding us accountable for the crimes of the men who speak in America's name.

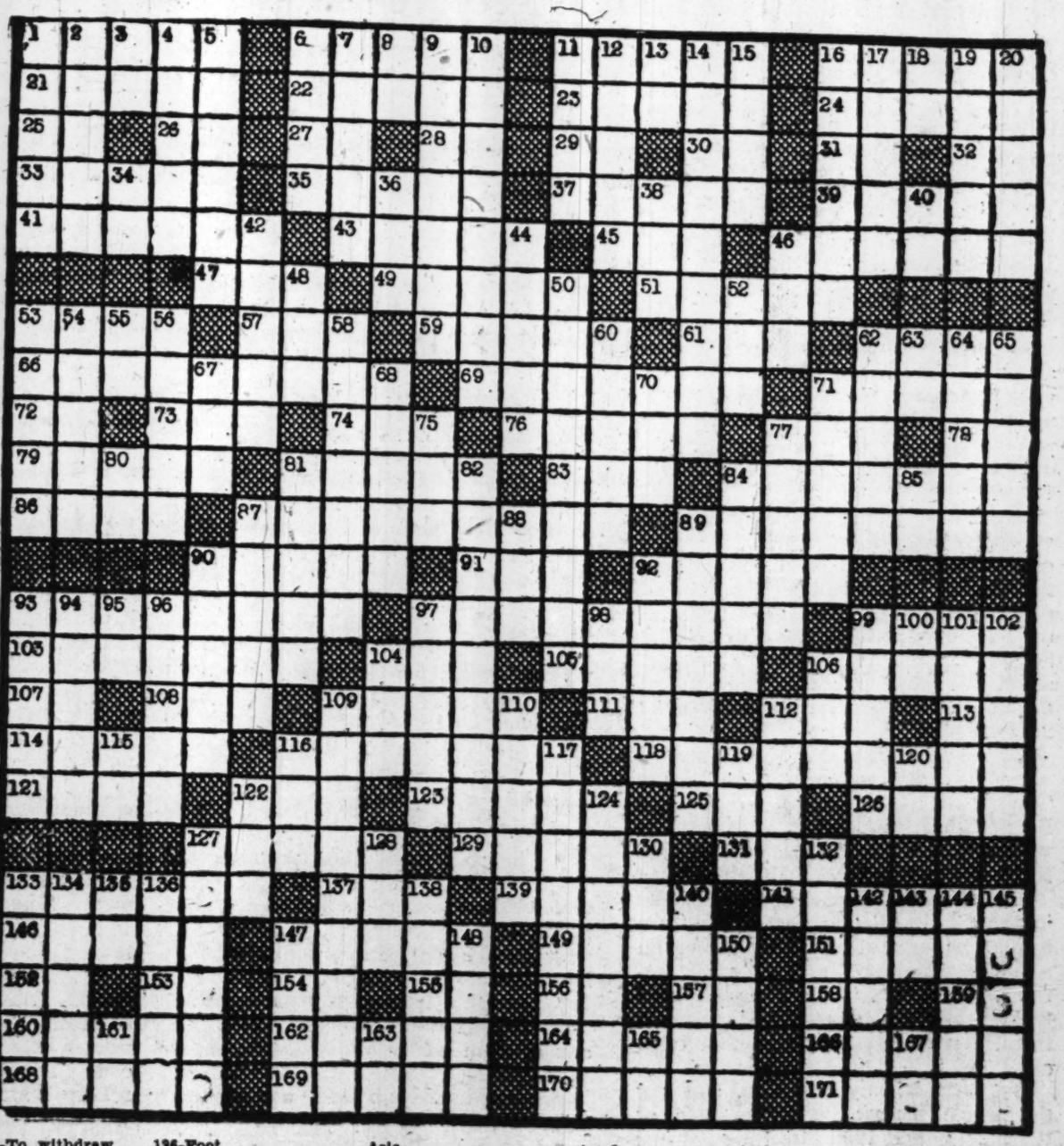
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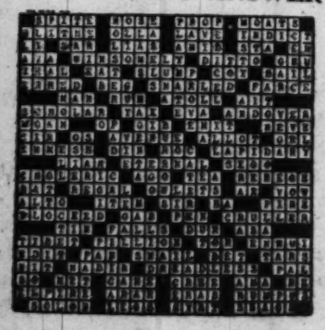
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6-Cold dish
11-"Remember the - - - -!"
16-Familiar house plant
21-Angry
22-Music: bright
23-South American Indian
24-To benefit
25-Note of scale
26-Interjection of triumph
27-Earth goddess
28-Part of "to be" suffix
29-Comparative suffix
30-Therefore
31-Not any
32-Note of scale
33-Weavers
35-Growing out
37-Ray of the northern seas
39-Coronet
41-Laid away for future use
43-Long lock of hair
45-Sodium chloride
46-Thickets
47-Meadow
49-Harmonized
51-To allude
53-To project
57-Sick
59-Networks
61-Cask
62-Sacred Buddhistic language
66-Act of abandoning
69-Sitting of a court
71-Palatable
72-Preposition
73-Negative vote
74-Malleable metal
76-Lyric poem
77-To put on
78-Pronoun
79-Prejudiced person
81-Preciptous
83-Epoch
84-South American republic
86-Short jacket
87-Elementary charges of negative electricity
89-Importunes
90-Taunt (dial. Eng.)
91-Ancient bronze
92-Sharpened
93-Abandonment of faith
97-Flagrant
99-Resorts
103-Under
104-To become wedged
105-Moves quickly
106-Separate
107-Cinderlike
108-First woman
109-Pertaining to the nose
111-Interjection of disapproval
112-Poem
113-Conjunction
114-Figure of speech
116-Non-conformist
118-Instrument for measuring exact time
121-Watches
122- - - - Paulo, Brazil
123-Piece of turf
125-Unexploded shell
126-To meet
127-Stripped instrument
129-Yielded
133-Bandage
137-Anglo-Saxon money
139-Enticing
woman
141-Feast
146-French river
147-Assembly
149-More independent
151-Coniferous tree
152-Fundamental mass of life tendencies
153-Diphthong
154-3.416
155-A nobleman (abbr.)
156-Two
15-River in Italy
158-Mulberry
159-Note of scale
160-Agreement
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164-Toward the center
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166-Slang:
168-Game bird
169-Task
170-Ratifies
171-Contract

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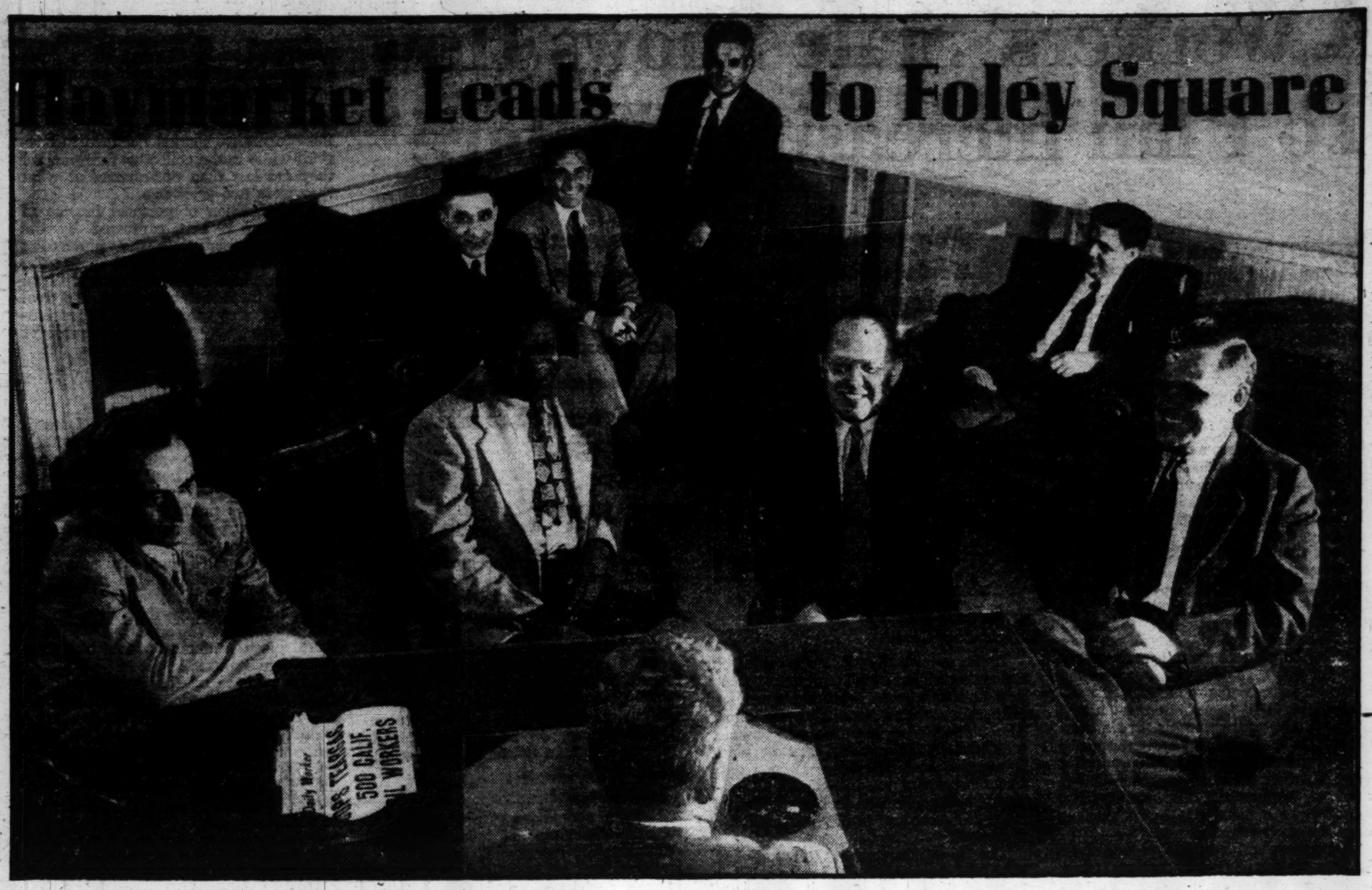
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2-Peculiarity
3-Sun god
4-King Arthur's father
5-Prickly herb
6-Wise man
7-Archaic: about
8-Chinese measure
9-Dabbler
10-Realms
11-High cards
12-Frolics
13-Land measure
14-Emblem of Oklahoma
15-Wind instrument
16-To lope
17-To abstain from
18-Note of scale
19-Measure of capacity (var:.)
20-Also called
34-Artifical language
36--Skill
38-Swiss river
40-Symbol for silver
42-Divinity
44-Mediterranean vessel with long sharp prow
46-Fowl
48-Husband of Fatima
50-Distributed
52-Merriment
53-Sun-dried brick
54-To suit
55-You and me
56-Statue support
58-Affair of chance
60-Ancient lyrelike instruments
62-Sudden fright
63-Prefix: son of
64-Boundary
65-Opinions
67-Rodent
68-Female relative
70-Girl's name
71-Firm
75-Meshed
81-Debris fabric
77-Apportions
80-To deport
82-Officious
84-Additional compensation
85-Six
87-To flush with success
88-Poetic: above
89-Tranquilized
90-Cudgel
92-Man's name
93-To diminish
94-American explorer
95-Upon
96-Oozes
97-Relieved
98-Colloquial: chatter
99-Exhausted
100-Colloquial: father
101-Odor
102-To scatter
104-Shock
106-Trouble
109-Coiner of words
110-Dwells
112-Command
115-Faeroe Islands whirlwind
116-Short for "Henry"
117-Systematizes
119-Ram
120-Interjection of surprise
122-To understand
127-Consolidated out
124-Kind of ragmilk curd
128-Prefix: mountain
130-English river
132-To withdraw
133-Cuts lengthwise
134-Norse deity
135-Sloth
136-Foot traveler
138-Forest of - - -
140-Country in Asia
142-Volcano on Martinique
143-Paid notice
144-Island off coast of Asia Minor
145-Threefold
147-Imitates
148-Female relative
150-Fishing poles
161-Japanese measure
163-Spanish for "yes"
165-Symbol for tantalum
167-Colloquial: mother



LAST WEEK'S ANSWER



Haymarket Leads to Foley Square



Communist Party leaders now on trial pictured at the office of General Secretary Eugene Dennis (back to camera).

"O Men of America, let the voice of the people be heard." —Albert R. Parsons, 1887, a moment before the hangman sprung the trap.

It's the frameup—recurrent weapon of a sick capitalism—that runs through American working class history like a bloody thread. The workers saw through it and almost saved the Haymarket martyrs. They'll see through the frameup at Foley Square, too, but the future of the working class movement depends on their seeing it—and acting to stop it—NOW.

By JOSEPH NORTH

MEN are still alive who heard the voice that spoke those words. History, today's history, moves with such giant strides that epochs unfold within the span of one man's three-score and ten. Only 62 years have passed since the tremendous events of Chicago inspired mankind and created May Day for the universal working class.

I have spoken with men and women who remember the anguish in the workingman's home in America that bitter day when the hangmen consummated Judge Joseph E. Gary's decree. But we who live today know who won and it was not Gary who had decreed that the workingman's leader should "be hung by the neck until he is dead."

It was August Spies who died with these words:

"You may strangle this voice, but there will be a time when our silence will be more powerful than the voices you strangle today."

Spies, Parsons knew what the capitalist who has a gilt-edged bond for a heart could never know: that no battle for humanity ever ends, nor is it ever lost. The Haymarket martyrs knew their cause would triumph. Parsons' widow and collaborator, whom I knew, lived to see the triumph of her husband's cause, saw the eight-hour day recognized, saw May Day an international holiday of bright and irresistible hope—and saw the birth of the workers' republic, the Soviet Union.

How the World Outcry Grew

How near it all seems, how near it all is: a brief yesterday in these years that flash by with lightning speed on their way to a man's full liberation.

Elsewhere in this issue the events of the first May Day are retold: as they are, indeed, being told to most of mankind today. It is necessary, too, to recall the turbulent movement of world protest to rescue the Haymarket heroes from the noose. Though the full power of the dollar state moved relentlessly to murder the men and did kill them before aroused humanity could summon its full strength, men on all continents marched for the Chicago martyrs who live eternally to all who march today in the working class struggle for freedom.

Had the American working class been united, Parsons and his colleagues would doubtless have seen freedom. But that was not to be. Though six years later Gov. Altgeld of Illinois, moved by the universal outcry, braved the pillory of upper-class scorn to pardon three of the survivors.

Here is what happened: a few months after the trial, as the will of the working class grew in impact and countered the hysteria of the trial, truth began to emerge publicly. Prominent men of liberal beliefs took up the cry of working men who knew—from the experiences of their own hard lives—that the case was a frameup from start to finish.

William Dean Howells, America's leading man of letters, picked up his powerful pen to write: "I have never believed them guilty of murder or of anything but their opinions, and I do not think they were justly convicted." This, while Parsons and his companions were still alive.

Shortly afterword voices like that of Robert Ingersoll, "the great iconoclast," and John Brown, son of the great emancipator, who, too, had died a hero's death, spoke for their freedom. Gen. Trumbell, veteran of the Mexican and Civil Wars, a nationally known figure, demanded their release.

U. S. Capitalism Acted From Fear

The cry had flown across the waters. In England the great writer, William Morris, agitated his fellow-artists. To Robert Browning, the world-renowned poet, he wrote: "I venture to write and ask you to sign the enclosed appeal for mercy and so to do what you can to save the lives of seven men who had been condemned to death for a deed of which they were not guilty. . . ."

A young writer named George Bernard Shaw joined Morris as a speaker at a great London mass meeting on behalf of the Haymarket victims.

Local trade unions held protest meetings across the land. Great Socialist leaders traveled across the ocean to visit the prisoners in jail: William Liebknecht and Edward Aveling, Karl Marx's son-in-law.

The public outcry mounted. Letters, resolutions, demands and entreaties deluged Gov. Oglesby's office. "Almost a mile of signatures were received," the Chicago newspapers reported.

But American capitalism had a deadly fear of the power Parsons and his fellows represented, and the Supreme Court, November, 1887, affirmed the death penalty. Chief Justice Waite coldly declared: ". . . Being of the opinion that the Federal questions presented by the counsel for the petitioners . . . are not involved in the determination of the case as it appears on the face of the record, we deny the writ of error."

So the Supreme Coure did the job the capitalists of the land had determined must be done. Let this be recalled by those who believe that the Supreme Court is "above" the heat of the class struggle.

The Frameup— Oft'-Used Device

The traps were sprung Nov. 11, 1887. Before the execution popular pressure made Gov. Oglesby commute the sentences of two to life imprisonment. Six years later they, and a third victim, were pardoned by Gov. Altgeld.

The moral is plain for all men to see who want to see: working class leaders who challenged the tyranny of their employers were sentenced to death in a gigantic frameup.

The frameup: that hideous device American capitalism was to use so often in the decades after Haymarket: Tom Mooney, Sacco-Vanzetti, Scottsboro, the Trenton Six. . . .

And the decisive case of our times—the frameup of the 12 Communist leaders.

Let no man, no working man in particular, ever forget how the employer has used the Pinkertons, police spies, agents—provocateurs, the press, the power of the privileged, the courts, the government, in conspiracy to suppress the Common Man. That machinery is in motion against the Twelve.

The Haymarket men were sent to their death, as Howells wrote, guilty of nothing "but their opinions." An awakening but divided working class almost succeeded in rescuing the martyrs, but they failed due to the existing balance of class forces here and abroad. They could not do the job that progressive mankind did in a later frameup—that of George Dimitrov.

Today, as we celebrate May Day, these lessons must not be forgotten. But today, the world has moved on. As many today know, the strength of progress surpasses that of reaction throughout the world.

Let Voice of the People Be Heard

Let us not forget that as once again the corporations of America conspire to quiet the voices of labor. Today 12 Communist leaders—spiritual heirs of the 19th Century working class heroes of America—are in the dock. Victims of a gigantic frameup.

Let all American labor, all progressives, remember the story of Haymarket. Today, this May Day, to honor the men of Haymarket, we must dedicate ourselves to the liberation of the men of Foley Square.

Today, remembering the past, learning from it, we must create an irresistible public movement that will not allow a latter-day Haymarket that would be prelude to fascism and to the horrors of World War III.

If Parsons walked the good American earth today he would cry out again: "O Men of America, let the voice of the people be heard."

Speak up, speak up!

A Workers' State Shows How To Plan Increasing Welfare

Here are the figures — the bare statistics — of Socialist Reconstruction in the Soviet Union. Behind these figures lie a tale of precise planning which is only possible under socialism. Behind them also lie the countless stories of growing happiness and leisure and wellbeing for the men, women and children of the USSR.

By SERGEI KOURNAKOFF

MOSCOW

WHEN you look at those columns of figures of the Statement of the Central Statistical Administration of the Council of Ministers of the USSR attentively, you get the impression of movement and irresistible energy. You feel that they are all climbing, ever forward and upward.

Before going into the details of the statement, it is important to note two things: firstly, that the socialist economy of the USSR has been able to obliterate in the main the aftermath of the war in three years and a few months; and, secondly, that the tempo and rate of the postwar development of Soviet economy is faster than it ever was before.

The gross output of Soviet industry as a whole increased in 1948 by 27 percent as compared with 1947 and **exceeded the level of the prewar year 1940 by 18 percent.** Here it is necessary to point out that when we say that the level of industrial production has exceeded the 1940 level it does not mean that all the war wounds have been healed. It means that new enterprises, created mostly in the east, are producing more than those not yet rehabilitated used to produce. It also means that industry as a whole is more efficient than it was before the war.

Agriculture as a whole produced in 1948 more than 116 million tons (seven billion poods) of grain and **all but regained the prewar** 1940 level, while the average grain yield per hectare exceeded the prewar level.

In these two paragraphs you really have the crux of the situation.

The 1948 plan for gross output of industry as a whole was fulfilled by 106 percent while the plan for the first three years (1946, 1947 and 1948) was fulfilled by 103 percent.

Increases in Main Aspects of Economy

When we look at the way the various ministries and branches of industry fulfilled the plan in 1948, we see the following in the van: Building and Road Building—126 percent; Chemical—116 percent; Electrical Equipment—115 percent; Automobiles and Tractors—115 percent; Transport Machinery—113 percent; Building Materials—112 percent; Metallurgical Industry—111 percent; Timber and Paper—111 percent. None of the branches lagged behind and everyone of the rest overfulfilled the plan from one percent to 10 percent.

The above figures reflect the emphasis on building, roads, transport, electrification, agriculture (tractors and chemicals).

However, it must be noted that a number of ministries lagged behind, if not in gross production, at least in the output of certain specific items, such as steel cable, passenger automobiles, steam turbines, diesel railroad engines, etc. All these items are very frankly enumerated in the statement.

The increase of production in the main items of economy is also quite characteristic.

The greatest advances over 1947 were registered as follows (we mention only those whose output more than doubled):

The production of grain harvesting combines increased better than five times; excavators—284 percent; complex threshers—267 percent; tractor-drawn plows—224 percent; tractor-drawn drills—211 percent; passenger automobiles—210 percent; spinning frames—205 percent; tractors—204 percent. Of the other 40-odd basic items mentioned, none fell back, the smallest increase being registered by the production of lead and fish, each of which increased only by 2 percent over 1947.

Steel and rolled metal both registered an increase of 28 percent, copper—20, coal—14, oil—13, electric power—16, trunkline locomotives—53, trucks—43, metallurgical equipment—94, electric motors (100 kw and under)—59 percent, and electric motors (over 100 kw)—53 percent, metal-cutting machine tools—24 percent, agricultural machines—almost doubled, mineral fertilizers—43 percent, synthetic rubber—79 percent, paper—20, cement—37, brick—56 percent.

Textiles increased by about one-quarter, meat—by 25 percent, animal fats—37 percent, sugar—70 percent and vegetable oils—33 percent.

Billions Saved by Reducing Costs

It is noteworthy that the rate of utilization of industrial equipment, fuel, raw materials, etc., increased considerably, thus creating important economies. The utilization of blast furnace volume increased by 13 percent, that of blast furnace floor surface—by 12 percent, that of speed of oil drilling—by 28 percent. Consumption of fuel per kilowatt-hour of electric power decreased by 5 percent.

The great movement initiated last year for the mobilization of so-called "internal resources" (within the plants and enterprises) for profitable operation of enterprises and above-plan accumulations has already resulted in the saving of 6,000 million rubles in 1948 on the cost of production. Of course, all these savings will find their way into the pocket books of the entire wage-earning population, in a large measure in the form of cheaper prices on goods.

As already pointed out, the grain harvest in 1948 almost reached the level of 1940 with better than seven billion poods. The sown acreage increased in 1948 by almost 14 million hectares. The winter wheat acreage increased last fall by 3,000,000 hectares.

Extremely important is the increase of livestock which is expressed in the following figures (as compared with 1947): large horned cattle—23 percent; pigs—75 percent; sheep and goat—16 percent, and horses—15 percent.

The great plan of afforestation is well under way. Aside from the preparations for the planting of the great state forest shelter belts, the collective farmers have planted almost 200,000 hectares of forest shelter strips, close to two billion saplings were raised and close to 3,000 ponds were built.

Closely paralleling the growth of industrial output, railroad transport has increased by 27 percent over 1947 and daily car loadings by 19.3 percent. River cargo carriage jumped by 29 percent, motor haulage—by 23 percent.

As to capital development, it increased by 23 percent, with an increase of 29 percent in the coal industry, 31 percent in metallurgy, 20 in electric power stations, 32 in light and food industries, 36 in housing construction.

Real Wages More Than Doubled

Neither should one think that all these increases are not reflected in the daily lives of the Soviet citizens. This is borne out by the figures on trade in basic commodities. The sale of bread products increased by 56 percent over 1947; sugar—by 100; confectionery products—45; cotton goods—by 56; silk fabrics—by 29, and footwear—by 45 percent. Thirty-five thousand new stores were opened since the financial reform and the abolition of rationing.

Farm produce marketing increased greatly, especially in meat, dairy products and vegetables and greatly exceeded the prewar level.

And now—the main thing as far as the consumer is concerned: prices on the cooperative market declined to one-third while in the collective farm market they are less than one-quarter of what they were two years ago.

The accretion of personal income of the citizen is best expressed by the simple formula that **the purchasing power of the ruble doubled during the last year.** As a result of this and of an increase in monetary wages, the real wages of the workers and other employes are today more than double of what they were a year ago.

Human Side Of the Picture

And here are some of the features of the purely human side of the picture.

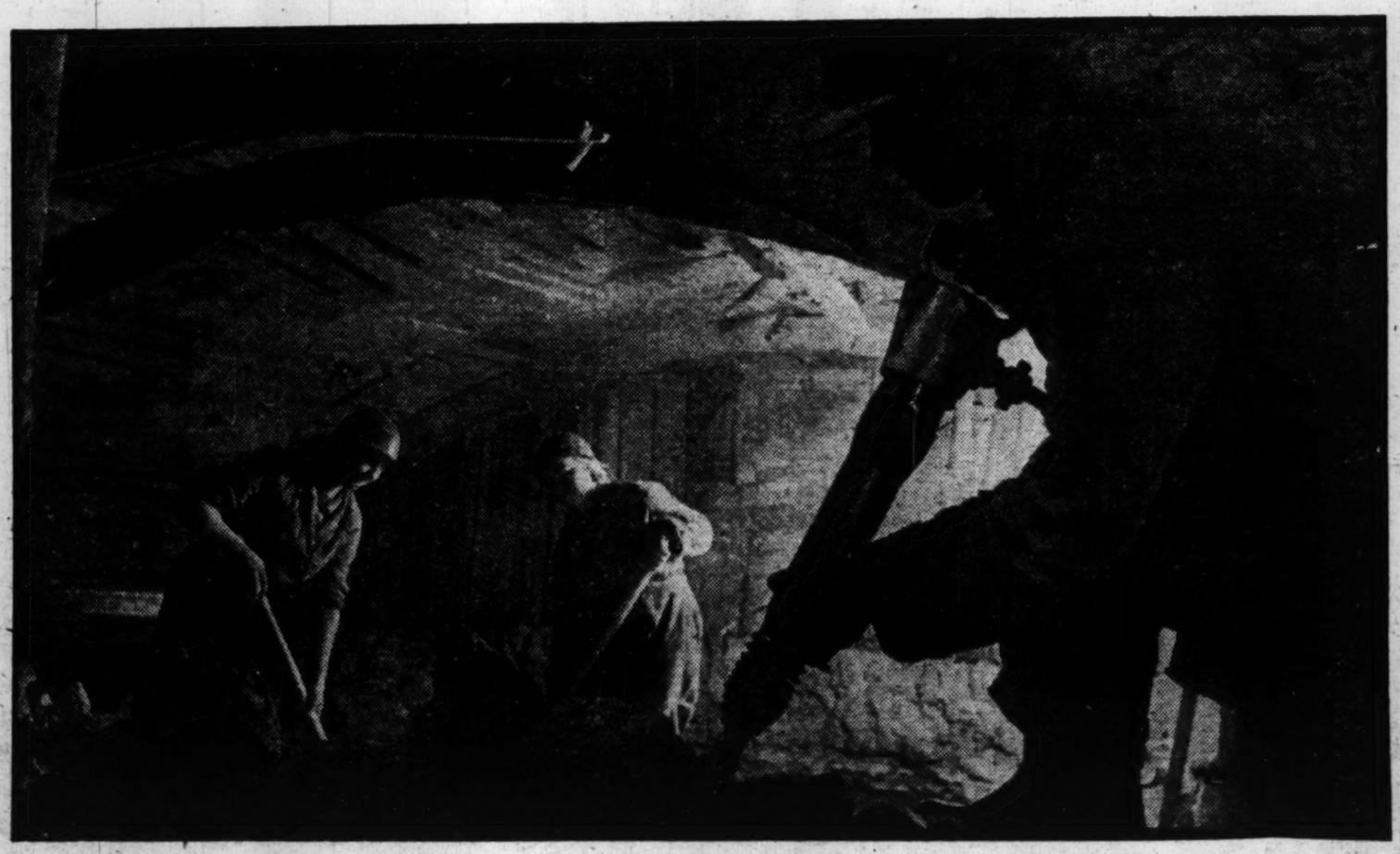
The number of workers and other employes increased by 2,000,000 during 1948. It is now 10 percent greater than in 1940. The productivity of labor increased by 15 percent as compared to 1947 and now tops the prewar level. The total payroll increased by an average of 10 percent, with an increase of 15 percent in industry and 24 percent in the building trades; 2.3 million young workers were trained and 3.8 million were given training which increased their qualifications.

The advance on the general cultural front was tremendous. Enrollment in the primary and secondary schools increased by more than 2,000,000. The student body reached (colleges) 734,000, or 26 percent more than in 1940; 122,000 graduated from colleges and other institutions of higher learning. The total number of specialists in the national economy was better than time and one-half of the prewar year 1940.

In looking at the picture of increase in the industrial production of the Union Republics, we see that the greatest increase was registered by the republics which suffered from the war. The hardest hit of them all—Belorussia—showed an increase of 44 percent and tops the list.



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PRELUDE

A Short Story

By Vee Johnson



THE Reverend Josiah Smith leaned out of his study window and smelled trouble on the street. The magnolias and the honeysuckle that his wife Laura had planted in the garden couldn't blot it out; and, sniffing, Josiah shook his head and sighed. It was in the wind, in the hushed expectancy of the drab, dust-covered shacks that lined the street. In the very voices of the children as they played—usually shrill but lowered now, as at a burying.

On Josiah's desk lay more tangible evidence. Half a dozen crumpled sheets of paper, each with the ominous crooked letters scrawled at the bottom of a warning. Incoherent, but frighteningly clear, that warning. Obscenity and curses and a date—tonight.

One didn't have to know how to read to understand these messages. Josiah sighed again, recalling his neighbors' tight-lipped shrugs, their faces grey with fear. Many of them couldn't read real writing — in fact, they'd often brought their notices from the mill in the valley to Josiah, at laying-off time. "What's it say, Brother Smith?" they'd ask him anxiously, pulling in their belts. "They cuttin' down again?"

That was before the foreigners came. Josiah didn't hold with the dangerous notions spread by these agitators, and when he heard about the "invasion," he'd preached a long and solemn sermon in his church. Later, when some of his flock brought the strangers' leaflets to his study—subversive stuff about equal pay and equal rights—Josiah wouldn't even read it to them. "This is not for us," he'd told them, gently.

But Les Crawford, a smoldering-eyed young fellow who though he knew more than his elders, had been able to decipher the leaflets. "It is for us!" he'd cried. "This here's no separate auxiliary! We got as much right as the others—"

"Rights! There's nothin' in the Testament 'bout rights!" Josiah had thundered. "This here means trouble—trafficking with the devil!"

He groaned, now, to recall how his flock had been divided. How one or two—then many more—had heeded Lester's words, had nodded solemnly at Lester's summing-up of all the things they knew. The leaking, draughty cabins, the scrawny, fever-ridden kids, the stench of backyards lacking even the simplest form of plumbing. "We-all's got to fight for better things ourselves!" Lester'd told them. "Who else is gonna do our fightin' for us? We got to organize!"

All fancy, high-falutin' words that didn't mean a thing, when you stacked them up against facts, Josiah knew. He'd tried his valiant best to stem the tide, and then had turned his back and shrugged. Small comfort, now that they'd come to him at last, to ask his help. To throw themselves upon his mercy.

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JOSIAH'S heart was sore. Gloating was not the Lord's way, nor yet his, he realized. And yet—he wouldn't be human if he hadn't felt a tiny thrill of vindication. Sternly, he repressed it.

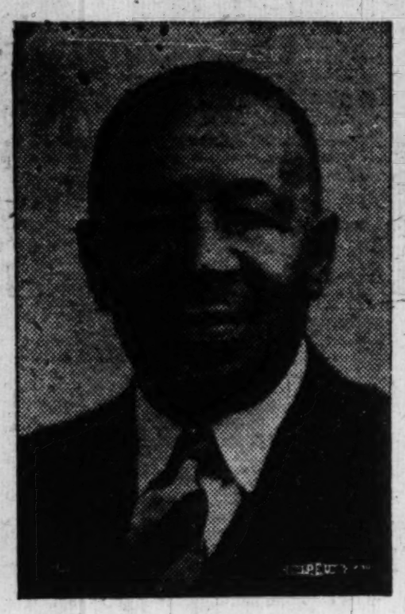
"Well—I'll see what I can do," he'd finally agreed, after Les and his next-door neighbor, Tom, had brought the warnings they'd found tacked up on their doors. "It's sure kind of you, Brother Smith," Les has murmured; but Josiah knew full well that Les had little faith in him. "Jes' keep an eye on the women-folks," Les said then, picking up his lunch box. His smouldering eyes were hard.

And, after the little group had left his study, Josiah had bpeen vexed. Why his study, Josiah had been vexed. Why when they'd brought this trouble on themselves? If only they had listened to him, in time! If only—but, it might

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Trouble grew among the magnolias when the union came to a southern town and the Klan prepared to ride that night. With a prayer in his heart, The Rev. Josiah Smith set out on his one-man mission of peace and justice. A remarkable first story . . .

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JOHN MUELLER

Burning Cross Outside His Door

This is the story of Larkin Marshall, a man in the heart of Klan-ridden Georgia who defied Talmadge and the Klan—and thereby has kept faith with himself and the love of thousands of his fellow-Georgians, a man a Talmadge court would send to the chain-gang, unless he's helped now.

By JOSEPH NORTH

MACON, Ga.

THE conductor on the train that speeds across the blood-red soil of Georgia from Atlanta to Macon embarked, within five minutes after we began our conversation, on the Negro question. The topic is a magnet in the South; it draws all, regardless of station in life, into its vortex. You get the decided impression it weighs heavily on the minds of all who live below the Mason-Dixon line, and most, who subscribe to racist ideas, get it off their chests like somebody with a guilty conscience.

"Of course," the conductor said, as thousands like him say, "You Northerners don't understand. Leave us alone and we will settle this by ourselves."

His ideas correspond to those Hitler had on all peoples who weren't graced at birth with the "Nordic" pigmentation. "The colored," the conductor said generously, "should have their rights, sure, but . . .", with the stubborn insistence of inculcated ignorance, "they must keep their place."

Yes, he knew the Klan was riding again, he said with a tolerant smile. Yes, he indicated, it was riding especially hard since the filibuster in the Senate. It is startling how many you encounter who regard that filibuster as an official signal to clamp down hard with compounded brutality. And matters grow worse.

"Yes," said Editor Larkin Marshall, publisher of the Macon World, a remarkably influential Negro newspaper here in the heart of Georgia. "Matters are worse today than they have been in years."

Burned Cross Outside His Door

I had traveled from Atlanta to interview the courageous Georgia Negro leader who ran for Senate on the Progressive Party ticket against Dixiecrat Senator Russell and whose fame had spread across the land wherever progressives meet.

There is an air of great and conscious power in this little man who is approaching his seventieth birthday in a life crowded with battle for his peoples' future. Native of Georgia—"I was born in Terrell County and reared in Americus"—he is doubtless the most beloved man among the Negroes of his state.

Outside his modest yet gracious cottage on Marshall's Heights, a housing development for Negroes he had initiated and which had been named for him, the Klan had burned the cross. He took me outside into the yard and showed me the ugly, obscene structure that lay on its side fifteen feet from his house, amid the pansies and daffodils his wife had planted. He had refused to dispose of it, let it lie there and challenged the Klan to come and retrieve it. That was six months ago but the hooded riders have shown a strange disposition to ignore his invitation.

And well they may. Mr. Marshall says, "They expected me to get out of town after they lit the thing, but I'm staying and they know it." His place, he says, is here, amid his people and like the tree near the waters in the Southern song, he will not be moved.

He told me many things: how he had, some decades ago, moved to California where, too, he had published a newspaper and had run for office. "I ran for county clerk in Alameda County," he said, "back in 1918. There were only 1250 registered Negro voters, but I got 7,890 votes."

Another "Trial" Verdict Cut-and-Dried

His power is well known in the state. It is common knowledge that Governor Talmadge regards the loss of Bibb County, where the Negro editor lives, to Marshall's influence. "Talmadge blamed it on me," Marshall says reflectively, "and I guess he's right. I guess maybe I was responsible."

Nothing in Georgia—or anywhere in the land for that matter—that affects his people escapes his notice. Letters come to him from thousands in all parts of the country. And from all parts of his state, and especially his county. He saw to it that some 200 Negro women got jobs on the assembly line in the big government plant that sprang up in Macon during the war. A few days ago he went bail for a young Negro mother jailed for defending her home against a white intruder. His newspaper is a crusading weapon that he brandishes against everything harmful to his people.

And because of that, because of his past, because he is the man he is, an all-white jury on March 22 found him guilty of criminal libel in 20 minutes after a sensational three-day trial in Macon. The courthouse, I learned, was crowded from window to window as was no trial in modern history here. Negro women brought their babies and sat all day in the gallery watching every turn in the case.

The local radio broadcast the proceedings and Macon's press was full with the accounts. For this was the man who had competed against Sen. Russell, the man who had said, and continues to say, stoutly, doggedly, without retreating an inch, that the Progressive Party is the salvation for the South, for the nation. The aging editor's stand during the trial won the admiration of all.

But the decision was pre-determined. "Six months on the chain gang and a fine of $500." He is out on bond having moved for a new trial. The motion will be heard in the coming days. What the Klan couldn't achieve, they hope to get by "law." Six months on the chain-gang for this little man of 70 is tantamount to a death penalty.

Negroes Disillusioned Regarding Truman

But his daily life faces that consequence and he surmounts it with a world view born of suffering and strength. Yes, he reiterated the Progressive Party has a bright future, whether in Georgia or anywhere else. The Negroes feel keenly the double-cross in Washington and they "are embittered, disillusioned."

They had thought, he told me, that the Democrats would rally "do something on the Civil Rights Bill." Though suspicious, they had hoped that this time Truman meant what he said. But recent developments have shattered that illusion. "Now the Negroes in great numbers will come to the Progressive Party," he affirms.

He is certain that the controlling powers of the nation are determined on war. "They want their war because they hope to escape their depression. We are living in perilous times. Another war could destroy civilization and everybody should know that. Especially my people." It is his estimate that the Administration is desperate and its desperation can be gauged by the growth of official and unofficial lawlessness. "They hope to put anybody who differs with them in jail."

He drew attention to the dangers for the entire country in the federal persecution of the Communist leaders. He regards the trial as a step toward war and he believes that all who stand for peace should see it in that light. He got a number of prominent Negroes to sign a petition to Judge Medina urging that William Z. Foster be given the right to offer a deposition in the trial.

Shining Lights and The Love of People

I walked with Editor Marshall around his home. The people, children, all, greet him affectionately and his eyes glowed as he waved his arm at the dozen homes here. They are pretty cottages with varicolored roofs, gleaming white in the bright Georgia sunshine. He had seen to it that FHA loans were made available to Negroes and despite the sour jealousy of Klan-minded officials, was able to put the project over. That is, its beginnings.

"They've thrown everything in the book at us for it," he said. "They felt this was too good for the Negro people, said we couldn't float it, couldn't make the payments, used every excuse to scuttle the works." Now, in the past several months, certain forces are moving heaven and earth to displace the Negro tenants from their hard-won, hard-earned homes here.

I noticed some large electric lights outside his home that is ringed by the flowers his wife has planted. He observed me studying the lights.

"That," he said, "is to light up my place in the night. After the Klan left the cross burning here, I decided to instal these lights. They burn every night and no rascal can approach my home unbeknownst."

He needs those lights, for the Klansmen hate him, send him threatening letters by the hundreds, but they haven't returned to retrieve that cross that lies like a monster on his lawn.

They shun the love thousands in Macon and Bib County hold for the aged, little editor. And they have an inkling that millions across the state's borders feel the same way for the man who says, "My people have the right to be free. I shall not move from here until they are."

That love shines on the man like the floodlights on his home in the dark.

"I Marched in Milwaukee's First May Day Parade"

By FRED BLAIR

MILWAUKEE, Wis.

JOHN MUELLER, sturdy and vigorous at 82, is one of the few survivors of Milwaukee's first May Day, back in 1886, when half of the town's workers struck for the eight-hour day, and nine were killed by militiamen before the Bay View Rolling Mills.

Interviewed at his home on West Burleigh Street, Mueller told how, as a youth of 19, he happened to join in the 1866 strikes and demonstrations. "I lived two miles north of here on Old Fond du Lac Avenue," he said. "Every day I walked five miles to work in Wauwautosa; worked 10 hours, and walked five miles back home again. I joined the strikers because I wanted eight hours. Ten hours was too much. But we didn't get it."

Born, March 29, 1867, in Germany near Stettin, Pomerania, Mueller came to Milwaukee in 1883 at the age of 16. "I was in politics right away," he said. "There were torchlight parades of the Republicans and Democrats. It didn't take me long to see there wasn't any difference between them; so I looked up the Socialists."

The May Day demonstration and parade for Milwaukee was set on a Sunday he said. He walked over seven miles to get to the demonstration. "We paraded by the thousands from downtown," Mr. Mueller related. "We went to a park on the west side, and there were so many of us we filled it completely. A lot of speakers talked there, and there were some mighty good ones." Likely enough, he heard Paul Grottkau, Martin Giborowsky and other early Socialist speakers.

Murdered by The Militia

This parade and demonstration was remarkably orderly and peaceful. But most Milwaukee bosses were determined not to grant the eight-hour day, though some of them already had given in. In the following days, as the bosses' strike-breaking got under way, the still striking workers began to urge non-strikers to quit work.

Mr. Mueller described one such incident. "I was working near the brickyards in Wauwautosa, helping build a house," he recalled. "Strikers came from Milwaukee and convinced the brickyard workers to leave the job. Our boss told us to quit work and go inside the building. We did, and watched the strikers shut down the brickyards."

From Wauwautosa, the strikers marched along down the Menominee Valley, which even then was full of industries as it is today. Shop after shop was pulled out on strike, including the big Milwaukee Road Railroad shops. At the Reliance works, predecessor of the giant Allis Chalmers Co., foremen and other precipitated a clash.

Also Marched With Unemployed

This incident was used as a pretext to call in the militia, among whom were David Rose, later mayor of Milwaukee, and Otto Falk, then a cadet, who later headed the Allis Chalmers Corporation. These militia fired upon a peaceful parade of workers, headed towards the Bay View Rolling Mills, and killed nine, wounding an unknown number of others. The paraders were dispersed by rifle fire when they were a quarter mile or more away from the plant.

Asked about the shooting, Mr. Mueller said: "I wasn't in that. It was on the South Side." But with him, as with many others, this violence by the bosses served as an impetus to support the Socialist movement in Milwaukee. The beginnings of the Socialist mass movement in Milwaukee stem from the 1886 eight-hour day moveemnt.

Mr. Mueller's wife, who was Edith Sporleader, a native Milwaukeean, is still active, as he is. They had ten children; five of whom are living. They have 20 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

As I left Mr. Mueller, I remarked on the number of new buildings in his vicinity. He smiled and said: "That all used to be my land. But we lost it during the depression. Couldn't pay the taxes." He reminded us that he also was a veteran of the March 6th, unemployed demonstrations, when, as a "youth" of 63, he walked six miles to join the parade, just as he had done 44 years earlier to join the first May Day parade in Milwaukee.

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Our thanks to the many organizations and friends who participated with us in making this edition worthy of the occasion to which it is dedicated. We wish to extend to them and to the people everywhere our wishes for peace and democracy for all in a free world.

THE WORKER.

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GREETINGS to all fighters for peace, democracy and culture

GREETINGS to the American working class, whose struggles for the eight-hour day are celebrated on May Day throughout the world

GREETINGS to the Negro people whose courageous fight for freedom is a constant inspiration to oppressed peoples everywhere

GREETINGS to the leaders of the Communist Party of the United States for their patriotism and their championing of the national interests of the American people, Negro and white, the workers, farmers and intellectuals

GREETINGS to the brave men and women in the Soviet Union, China and the new democracies who are showing the world how to build a new society, free from exploitation, war and fascism

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Greetings from

LOCAL 3, BAKERS

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American Federation of Labor

Greetings

on May Day!

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We march for peace and human welfare!

A Group of Workers at

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE

MAY DAY

Greetings

For a Happy and Peaceful World for All Children

A GROUP OF WORKERS

in the

JEWISH CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION

Greetings

from a group of

SHEET METAL WORKERS

OF LOCAL 28, AFL

MAY DAY GREETINGS

To LABOR and

THE PEOPLE'S PRESS

From a Group of Workers in Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society

MAY DAY GREETINGS

From a Group of Workers in

THE FEDERATION OF JEWISH PHILANTHROPIES

Greetings from

Some Members of

UOPWA, LOCAL 18

May Day Greetings

from a group of

WAITERS and WAITRESSES

Members of Local 1, AFL

For preservation of democracy in our country; for peace and for a better world

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May Day Greetings

from the OFFICE STAFF

of the

UNITED SHOE WORKERS UNION

Greetings for Peace

A GROUP

OF LIBRARIANS

GREETINGS

to the fighting working class paper for its continuous efforts in the struggle of the people for economic security, civil and democratic rights and peace.

MEMBERS OF THE GREEK FUR WORKERS

UNION, LOCAL 70

GREETINGS —

To a Great Labor Paper

From

A Group of

Waiters and Waitresses

Of Local 16, AFL

Greetings

FROM A GROUP OF MEMBERS OF LOCAL 16, UOPWA

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(Office staff in locals of the United Furniture Workers of America)

May Day Greetings

from a group of

FURNITURE WORKERS

Greetings from

NEWS DISTRIBUTION WORKERS

Greetings to the Daily Worker

from a group of members of the

BOOK and MAGAZINE GUILD

LOCAL 18, UOPWA - CIO

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With Fraternal Greetings

FROM A GROUP OF ARCHITECTS

Greetings from

a group of

DIRECT MAIL WORKERS

New York Fur Workers

Greet Labor

on

MAY DAY

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We join with labor in New York City in demonstrating for a return to the Roosevelt policies on peace, civil liberties and labor's rights.

We demand an end to the bi-partisan betrayal of the people's mandate for the immediate repeal of the Taft-Hartley law, for the enactment of a real civil rights program, for the outlawing of anti-Semitism, for the passage of anti-lynch, anti-polltax and fair employment practices legislation.

We call for peace, for the Roosevelt program of the Four Freedoms through the Atlantic Charter, and not the Truman program of war through the Atlantic Pact.

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MAY DAY COMMITTEE

INTERNATIONAL FUR AND LEATHER WORKERS UNION - CIO
NEW YORK LOCALS

In Memory of the 8-Hour Day Fighters

OF 1886

FROM A GROUP OF

ACA, CIO MEMBERS

Fighting for Better Conditions

IN 1949

- Repeal Taft-Hartley slave labor law
- Restore Wagner Labor Act without amendments
- For peace
- For an end to jimcrow
- For an end to repression of political minorities

to the Daily Worker and The Worker
for a job well done

May Day Greetings from the Slipper Workers

LOCAL 54, USWA - CIO

We call upon labor to mobilize to repeal the Taft-Hartley law and to stop the drive to a third world war.

BEDDING LOCAL 140

United Furniture Workers of America

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Greetings from

LOCAL 65, UNITED SHOE WORKERS
OF AMERICA - CIO

487 Broadway, N.Y.C.

Greetings from

LOCAL 60, UNITED SHOE WORKERS
OF AMERICA

Greetings from

LOCAL 1227, UERMWA

2401 JACKSON AVE., LONG ISLAND CITY, N. Y.

Greetings from

LOCAL 430, UERMWA - CIO

GREETINGS
from
RANK & FILE WORKERS
of the
WALDORF-ASTORIA HOTEL
to
New York's Finest Labor Paper

GREETINGS –
From Rank & File Workers
of
HOTEL COMMODORE
To a Fighting Labor Paper

Greetings from

CLOAK MAKERS and CLOAK FINISHERS

Members of

LOCALS 9, 35 and 117, ILGWU

May Day Greetings
for workers' solidarity in the fight against Taft-Hartley and war!

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Group of Dress Pressers
members of
LOCAL 60, ILGWU

Greetings from
A Group of Workers
Members of
LOCAL 66, ILGWU

A Group of
MILLINERY WORKERS
members of
LOCALS 24 and 42
wish to greet
THE WORKER
on May Day

May Day
Greetings

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Group of Cutters
Members of
LOCAL 10, ILGWU

MAY DAY GREETINGS
From a Group of
HATTERS
Members of Locals 3, 7 and 8
Hat, Cap and Millinery Union

A Group of Italian Dressmakers and Cloakmakers greet
THE WORKER
on this worker's holiday.
Members of Locals 89 and 48
ILGWU

GREETINGS –
From a Group of
Underwear & Brassiere Workers
Members of the ILGWU

MAY DAY GREETINGS
From
KNITGOODS WORKERS
Members of the ILGWU

Members of Local 16 wish to express their appreciation to the Daily Worker for its support of the collective bargaining struggles and strikes of Local 16, UOPWA - CIO.

Fraternal
May Day Greetings

WORKMEN'S
BENEFIT FUND
714 SENECA AVENUE
Brooklyn 27, N. Y.

Headquarters for fraternal health and life insurance

GREETINGS

from members of
NAT'L UNION MARINE
COOKS & STEWARDS
CIO

6 Stone Street, N.Y.C. 4

Greetings

GROUP OF WORKERS
FROM
LOCAL 107

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Paper Bag, Novelty,
Mounting, Finishing
and Display Workers,
AFL

May Day
Greetings

from a group
of

Jewelry Workers

Local 1, IJWU, AFL

May Day
Greetings

from members
UNITED
AUTOMOBILE
WORKERS - CIO

May Day Greetings

FROM A GROUP OF
WORKERS IN THE
FILM INDUSTRY

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don't see yours?

Well . . . due to technical limitations, we were not able to print all of the many greetings we received in this section. If your greeting does not appear on these pages, you will find it on the special Greeters' Pages in the regular news section.

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Patriotism -- As America's Greatest Writers Defined It

The Golden Day of American Literature came about because the writers of that day had the courage to challenge the great lie of their time—the lie which spoke of freedom while enslaving millions. Now another great lie speaks of peace while planning war. To unmask this lie is the way to another great Golden Day for American writers.

By RICHARD O. BOYER



RICHARD O. BOYER, novelist and magazine writer, is the author of "The Dark Ship." The text on this page is his speech at the Writing and Publishing Panel at the Cultural and Scientific Conference on World Peace, March 26, 1949, at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York.

THE greatest American writers have always held that the final court of last appeal is a man's own conscience. This is the essence of Emerson and Thoreau. Both declared that every policy, every principle, every program must be judged at last before the bar of private understanding. No man, they said, particularly the writer, can be absolved from individual responsibility. He can obtain no change of venue that takes the issues of the day—in our time, world peace or world destruction—from the court of his own conscience to some other tribunal which excuses him from the hard and painful duty of thinking for himself.

This is peculiarly true, it seems to me, of the American writer today, surrounded as he is by monopoly's press and radio, intent on convincing him that the highest patriotism rests in the destruction of Soviet Socialism, apparently ready and willing to sacrifice ten million American lives if only twenty million Russians can also be killed. No, if he would spare his country fascism and frightful war, the writer cannot safely surrender his conscience to the existentialists or T. S. Eliot, to Spellman or to Truman, to Hearst or the New York Times. Rather he must follow Emerson's dictum, "The root and seed of democracy is the doctrine, Judge for yourself."

The Basis of Communist Discipline

I emphasize this Emersonian theme of individual responsibility as an American Communist. To the uninformed it may seem strange emphasis coming as it does from a Communist. While Communists fight for peace and brave Wall Street and jail for conscience's sake—and the world's sake—they are frequently described as regimented automatons bereft of free will. At the same time the obedient clerk, all aglow at Wall Street's virtues, is praised as an example of rugged individualism.

This nonsense is part of a world upside down in which plans for war become designs for peace. The fact is that Communist loyalty and Communist discipline is based on individual conscience and individual understanding. We want no other kind. If a member of the Communist Party does not approve of our goal of peace and socialism and complete racial equality, we demand that he leave. If a member of the Communist Party does not agree, that the most important issue in the world today is world peace, if he is not ready and eager to submerge all differences and cooperate with any and all forces sincerely seeking peace, we say his conscience does not place him in our ranks.

We ask no blind allegiance. Rather we ask that the intelligence be at its most tender and sensitive, that it transcend private interest and selfish advantage and take the peace of the world as its concern.

Once an American Truism for Progressives

This is sound American ground if the words of Emerson and Thoreau still have meaning to the American ear. Both expressed the utmost scorn for that legality which included injustice. Both said, and explicitly said, that the very heart of American thought was that no act or policy of the government is binding on the individual unless it meets the requirements of his conscience. Both sought to be citizens of the world and Thoreau declared, "I would remind my countrymen that they are to be men first and Americans only at a late and convenient hour." Both asserted it the duty of Americans to defy an American government intent on imperialist war.

This theme of conscience, of individual responsibility apart from the engines of public opinion, was once an American truism among progressives. Thoreau phrased it trenchantly enough, after he had gone to jail for opposing an unjust war, when he said: "We should be men first and subjects afterwards. It is not desirable to cultivate a respect for the law, so much as for the right."

He wondered then that the state was so fearful of ideas that it jailed the men who had them. "I saw," he remarked in this connection, "that the state was half-witted, that it was as timid as a lone woman alone with her silver spoons and I . . . pitted it." The remark has contemporary validity now that our present state is engaged in jailing men for the idea of peace and socialism.

When the Fugitive Slave Act was passed Emerson wrote in his journal, "By God, I will not obey it!" And Thoreau said, in words that might apply to the present Smith Act, "I hear a good deal said," Thoreau declared, "about trampling this law under foot. Why, one need not go out of his way to do that. This law rises not to the level of the head or the reason; its natural habitat is the dirt." And Thoreau's last public act was his celebration of what the law called treason. His last public appearance before his death was his defense of Captain John Brown whose execution for treason he declared was a judgment "not on John Brown, but upon America."

Many Great Americans Charged with Treason

This charge of treason was a familiar one to both Emerson and Thoreau. Scarce a colleague of theirs, from Whittier to Parker, from Alcott to Lowell, who had not been a target of that charge. But there is a more basic likeness between their age and ours. Both times, theirs and ours, were stultified by the all-pervading lie that emasculates writers and paralyzes thought. Until writers of Emerson's time, not with pain and travail, broke the all-ending falsehood of their era, there was little creative activity. Writers then, no more than now, could flourish in the climate of the widely believed and widely accepted social life.

The withering falsehood that dried up the creative spring between the end of the Revolution and the rise of the Abolitionists, was the lie that chattel slavery was sarcosanct and benevolent and could only be attacked by traitors to the country.

"From 1790 to 1820," Emerson wrote in his journal, "there was not a book, a speech a conversation or a thought in the state." The great lie of our own age, the lie that also paralyzes and withers, the lie from which all other lies spring, the lie that turns black into white, virtue into evil, and patriotism into treason, is the all-pervading, all-embracing falsehood that Communists are the possessors of some political original Sin, some inherent, inbred, basic wickedness that puts them beyond the pale of honorable men. The writers of Emerson's time not without suffering, broke through the stultifying falsehood of their day and when they did there was a Golden Age of American literature. American writers of our own day can do no less.

We sometimes imagine, I think, that the challenge of the present is more difficult than that of the past. But those who saw Lovejoy die, shot down before his press, as he defended his freedom to write that slavery was wrong, might deny this. The Abolitionist writer Samuel May, mobbed five times in a single month, might doubt it as might the Quaker poet, Whittier, who loved peace but forced himself to face violence. Theodore Parker, great writer and great preacher, who wrote with a loaded revolver on his desk, might wonder if our own time was so much more difficult. And Alcott and Higginson who faced gunfire for their convictions might also wonder.

Many Casualties in Fight on Slavery

Emerson did not find the fight easy. At first he derided the Abolitionists, said they were uncouth and violent and even charged them with hypocrisy. "Go love thy infant, love thy woodchopper," he wrote of the Abolitionists, "and never varnish your hard uncharitable ambition with this incredible tenderness for back folk a thousand miles off." But in his heart he knew he was wrong and he wrote in his journal, "I waked at night and bemoaned myself that I had not thrown myself into this deplorable question of slavery." And he did at last throw himself into the fight and for ten years he traveled the land and faced the cry of treason.

No, it took courage, great courage to challenge the great lie that Negro slavery was right and ought to be, a lie embedded in every facet of society. Many were imprisoned in this fight. Many were killed in braving the ruling class of that day which declared again and again there was no contradiction between the words "All men are created equal" and the fact that three million Americans were slaves, were private property.

Such a declaration may seem barbaric now; but sometimes it may seem equally barbaric that those now say that all men shall own the earth and the fullness thereof, instead of its richness being reserved for the few, some day it may seem equally barbaric that those who say this were once regarded as criminals.



Lewis Mumford has called this age of Emerson the Golden Day. But the day began darkly enough. Its sun was hidden by the great lie which spoke of freedom while enslaving millions—as now men speak of peace while planning war. If the day became radiant at last it was because the great lie was routed. If the day became bright it was because of bravery—because of the bravery of Thoreau and Emerson, of Whittier and Bryant, of Lowell, Parker, Lovejoy, Phillips, of Greeley, Leggett, Douglass and Faulkner, of Stowe, Maria Child, Mrs. Chapman, of Garrison, Channing, Whitman and Melville, writers all, who challenged the dark and vested lie of their time and replaced it with light.

This Time, A Fascist Lie

I believe, and deeply believe, that a similar challenge confronts the American writer today; that we can win neither reason nor sanity nor peace itself until we rout the present gargantuan lie that infects every aspect of American life until people pray in the streets for war and think they ask for peace. I believe that we cannot win world peace until we reject the obscurantist, fascist ideology that Communists and Russians are the quintessence of deliberate, cunning, unnatural evil and as such should and ought to be destroyed.

From this lie stems all other; that those who speak for peace are traitors and those who plan war are patriots; that those who say a nation's wealth should belong to the whole people are selfish criminals while those who favor its retention by a few are unselfish patriots. Under this great lie we say that when the Soviet Union makes formal proposals for disarmament it is a move towards war and that when we vote 20 billions for engines of mass destruction it is an effort at peace.

Under its dominion no one points out that if Truman is right now in describing Communism as a world menace, then Hitler was right first and the American lives lost in fighting Hitler were criminally wasted. We cannot have it both ways. Hitler cannot be right and Truman wrong and Truman wrong and Hitler right for both described the menace of Communism in words that are almost identical—and equally erroneous.

Until American writers play their part in routing the lie of their time, as Emerson and Thoreau fought the falsehood of their day, peace and democracy and our country will be in danger. But when American writers once more defy the Great Lie, they will help bring peace to the world and honor to themselves and to American literature a new Golden Day.

'T-i-m-b-e-r!' Gives Way To 'S-i-x H-o-u-r D-a-y'

In the lumber camps of the Pacific Northwest the workers are carrying on the May Day fight. The seasons grow shorter and speedup shortens the pay, while the timber barons get fatter and fatter. Here is the heroic story of two unions now on strike against hunger and unemployment.

By TERRY PETTUS

SEATTLE.

FROM the men who fall and buck the Northwest's trees—Douglas Fir, Cedar, Pine and Hemlock—from the workers who turn rough logs into lumber in thousands of far-flung sawmills, there has come a fighting program that promises to add new and glorious chapters to the unfinished history of the American labor movement.

You don't need a labor lawyer to spell this program out. It is as sharp as the whine of a saw and as simple as the thump of a finger on a snoose box. It can be written in one simple sentence.

Wage increases and the six-hour day, 30-hour week!

There it is. It is the answer which the men and women of the lonely camps and busy mills have hurled at the rich and arrogant rulers of a sawdust empire—at the corporations who have used the toil and lives of generations of workers in blazing a trail of stump land across our country from Maine to Washington, Oregon and California.

Today, for the first time since the formation of the CIO following the historic 1935 strike, parallel demands have been served on the employers by both the International Woodworkers of America (CIO) and the Lumber and Sawmill Workers, an affiliate of William Hutchinson's AFL Carpenters Union.

Besides substantial wage increases and the six-hour day, both the IWA and the LSW are now in negotiations for night shift differentials—a long-needed employer-paid health and welfare program and paid holidays. The six-hour day, of course, will also require a drastic readjustment in the number of hours' work required for paid vacations.

Rank and File Voices Dominant

It is significant that this fighting program, which meets the deepest needs of workers caught between the hammer of the speedup and the anvil of a work season that has grown shorter and shorter over the years, was drafted at international negotiating conferences where the voice of the rank and file was the dominant note. In preparing the demands, the workers and the officers close to the rank and file flatly rejected the policy of Murray-Green and company which contends that "this is not the time" to wrest benefits from the boss.

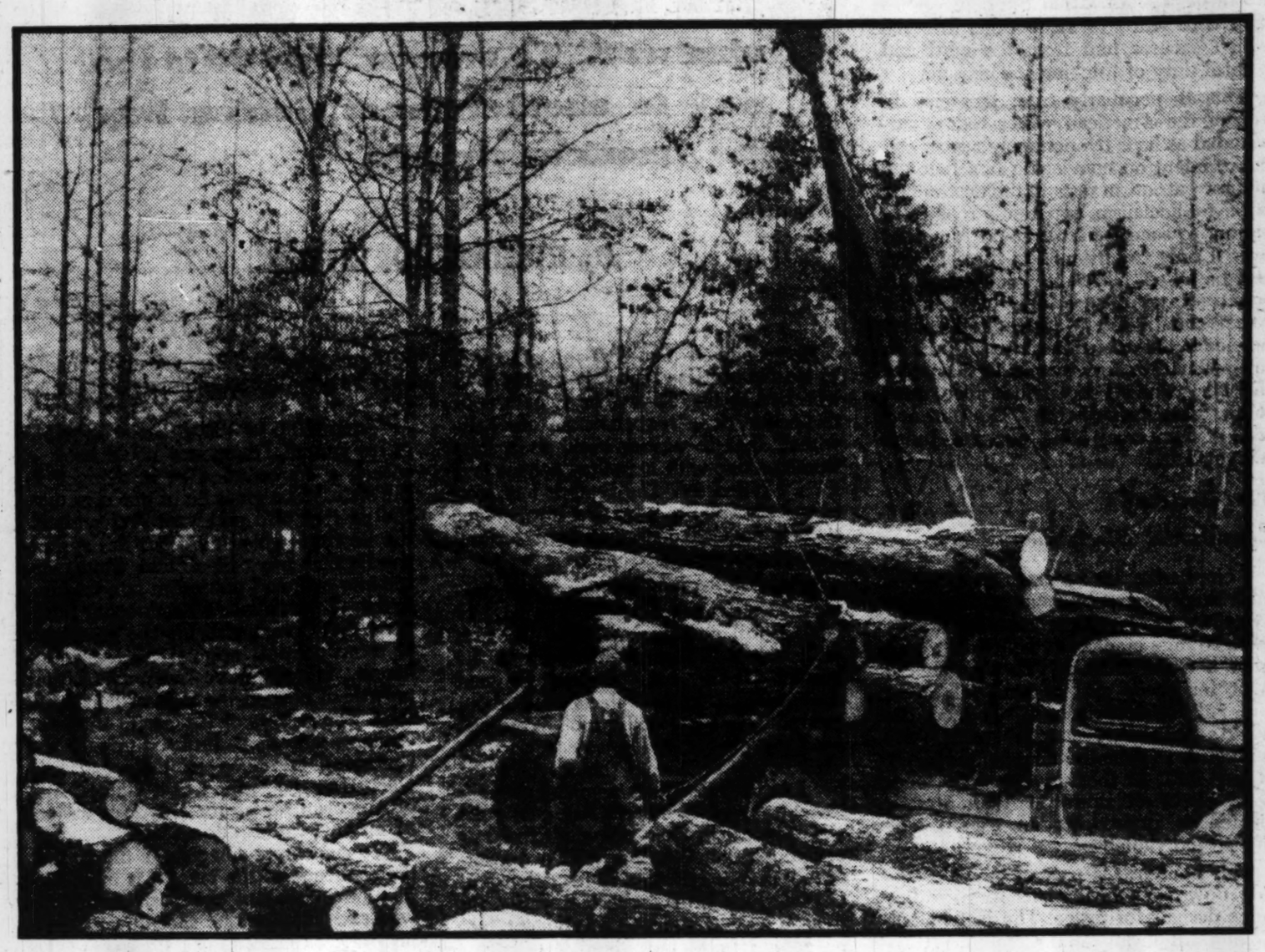
But while the demands of the IWA and LSW are parallel, there are important differences in the approach to employers. The LSW, for example, is conducting industry-wide negotiations (for members in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana) only for pay increases—a flat 17½ cents an hour across the board. All other points, including the six-hour day, are left to the "discretion" of locals and districts for negotiation with individual employers.

The IWA, on the other hand, has placed all the key issues in the hands of the international negotiating committee. Pointedly refraining from pleading "inability to pay" the employer groups loftily informed the IWA and LSW negotiators that they will grant no demands which will increase their costs. The employers added that they are "opposed in principle" to such things as the six-hour day, health and welfare programs and paid holidays.

Elaborating on their position the employers also let the unions know that the giants in the industry are preparing to curtail production by 25 percent during 1949. This is another way of saying that the lumber barons are going to tighten their monopoly squeeze to drive independent operators out of business and that if they can get by with it thousands of workers will be permanently driven out of the industry.

Tradition of Struggle For Shorter Work Day

How this is done was illustrated last year when the big mills glutted the market with green lumber and then slashed prices on this item alone. This was a body blow to hundreds of smaller mills which do not have expensive dry kiln equipment, and many folded, adding to the growing army of unemployed.



As the big operators also control the supply of standing timber they were able to tighten the squeeze by keeping log prices to the smaller mills high while depressing the price of green lumber.

Militant struggles to shorten the hours of toil have always characterized Northwest lumber unions. At the turn of the century the Shingleweavers spearheaded a bitter fight against the brutal exploitation of the 10 and 12-hour day on piece work. And under the leadership of the IWA in World War I days the eight-hour day was really won by "carrying the strike to the job," where the workers refused to work the customary 10 hours.

Ex-whistlepunks continue to tell stories (with many an embellishment) how they were instructed to pull the cord at the end of eight hours. The whistle would shriek and the workers scattered through the tall timber would down tools and knock off for the day while the bosses fumed with frustration. Workers have also not forgotten that the six-hour day was one of the key demands in the 1935 strike, but was sold down the river by the lieutenants of Big Bill Hutchinson.

Once again the issue of the six-hour day flames into life and becomes a rallying point for struggle. And in demanding shorter hours, higher wages and improved conditions from the employers the workers are showing an eagerness to defend their interests against a Wall Street policy of guns not homes—of Marshall Plans and Atlantic War pacts instead of trade and friendly relations with other countries.

Among lumber workers there is a growing awareness that the cost of the cold war is coming out of their hides and that a determined struggle must be waged against the lumber barons. It must also be waged against those forces within the ranks of labor whose support of a Wall Street foreign policy had dangerously blunted the drive for outright repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act.

Today the struggle of the lumber workers is being threatened by employers still armed with the Slave Act, by the policy of much of the top CIO and AFL leadership which says that the role of unions is to "cooperate" with Wall Street. While employers and the labor misleaders talk about the need for the unions to assist in increasing "efficiency," the workers have seen production records broken while the length of the work season grows shorter and shorter.

Although Douglas Fir production in 1948 hit a new high, the average lumber worker was on the payroll but five and one-half months. Many logging camps were in operation only four months and many thousands of sawmill workers earned less than $2,000 during the whole of 1948.

Prior to World War II the Orient took 25 percent of all Northwest lumber exports. Today (as the Longshoremen can testify) it is but a trickle. And while the employers threaten the union with a 25 percent loss of jobs they are preparing, in the interest of huge armament profits, to shut it off entirely with a cold war embargo on the New China and its huge potential market for lumber.

The top labor brass which talks so glibly about the "benefits" of the Marshall Plan do not mention to lumber workers why Canadian logs fill Puget Sound while loggers walk the bricks on the Skid Roads of Seattle, Portland and Spokane.

What else but Marshall Plan pressure forced the Canadian government to relax its restrictions on exportation of its logs? In 1938, while logging camps operated but four months and while saw mills and plywood plants broke production records, a total of 139,189,000 feet of Canadian logs were towed to Puget Sound ports alone, an increase of 37 percent over the previous year. And during January and February of this year, while practically every camp on this side of the line was down, the Canadian logs received totaled 34,657,000 feet as compared to 14,943,000 feet for the same months in 1948.

The conditions which brought about the determination of lumber workers to fight for the six-hour day and pay increases include the speedup along with the blockading of potential foreign markets behind the Marshall Plan and Atlantic Pact and the substitution by the bi-partisans of a national budget for war instead of for the national welfare—including homes.

The extent of the speedup is shown in the fact that the number of hours required to produce a thousand feet of lumber has been cut from 25 to 16. Today there is not a single large sawmill which is not producing more lumber with fewer workers than was the case even five years ago. And the speedup threat has become intensified in the logging camps through the introduction of power saws for falling and bucking.

An immediate struggle for the six-hour day on a local union level was touched off in the IWA through a recommendation of the international negotiating committee that no overtime be worked until that issue is settled. The committee pointed out that the fight for the six-hour day must start with a rigid enforcement of the eight-hour day. It was charged that employers were deliberately seeking to pay some workers overtime while the number of unemployed at the plant gates grew.

At one of the many large meetings at which the issue was thoroughly debated one member summed it up by saying: "How can any of us defend finding a few extra bucks from overtime in our pay when thousands of our fellow workers are on the bricks? Every hour we work at time and a half we are doing work that some unemployed brother should have. We'll find ourselves in a hell of a mess when we tangle with the boss if we don't prove to the guy on the bricks that we are also fighting to give him a chance to get back on the job."

Lumber Workers Fighting for This

Here in brief are the key demands of the International Woodworkers of America (CIO) and the Lumber and Sawmill Workers (AFL) now in negotiations with the lumber industry:

- Across the board wage increases with night shift differentials.
- The six-hour day, 30-hour week.
- An employer-paid health and welfare program.
- Paid holidays.
- Adjustment of paid vacation credits to conform to six-hour day.

New Life Begins for China's Women

"IS IT any wonder," the young Chinese mother cried, "that communism attracts us like magnets?" She was speaking to the First All-China Women's Congress, convened last month in liberated Peiping, which created, for the first time in Chinese history, a united organization for women in every field of work, of every nationality and religion.

It was that young mother who told her 400 sister-delegates, representing an initial membership of 22,600,000 women, told them with tears in her eyes, of life as it was under the Kuomintang. Mothers had "either to stay at home and starve or go to work and starve the baby." They were not allowed to leave the factory to feed their babies.

The young speaker told how she stood at work while her milk went sour and her baby cried with hunger. In her small workshop of 83 women, 20 died in three years. **"Now," she proudly asserted, "is it any wonder that communism attracts us like magnets?"**

"I fear nothing and nobody now. The Communist Party brought me my first breath of fresh air. It brought me the sunlight after a world of darkness."

It was to ensure that world of sunlight for the women of China and the women of every land that this historic congress dedicated its efforts.

"The women of China are prepared to shoulder the responsibility for developing the closest unity and coordination of action between the women of all the Asiatic countries," declared Mme. Tsai Chang, chairman of the congress, president of the Women's Association of the Liberated Areas and vice-president of the Women's International Democratic Federation (WDIF).

Because the Nehru government of last year obstructed the holding of an Asiatic Women's Congress in India, the meeting will be held in China. "We gladly accept that task," Mme. Tsai said, noting that the "swift advance of the Chinese people toward victory over the Kuomintang" has greatly enhanced the prestige of China's women, whose organizations constitute 25 percent of the WDIF membership.



DRYING THE GRAIN — a woodcut by Tsai Ti-chih

As among all peoples, the congress of China's women laid major stress on the fight for peace.

In newly-liberated Peiping, the representatives of millions of Chinese women denounced the North Atlantic Pact as a "menace to peace, threatening the peace-loving peoples of the world." They resolved: "Under the leadership of the Soviet Union, the peace forces of the world are growing daily and will smash the plots of the warmongers led by American imperialism. The struggle for world peace, the complete defeat of the Kuomintang and the expulsion of U. S. imperialism from China will constitute a powerful blow against the instigators of a new world war."

The contrast between the condition of women, and children, in the areas still under Kuomintang rule and the North China communities only recently liberated was graphically described to the conference.

The magnitude of the suffering under the Kuomintang was told by Mme. Kang Keh-Ching, who said that literally millions were killed or made homeless by floods when the Kuomintang diverted the Yellow River back to its old course in 1946-47.

"Immense numbers" of children were thereby orphaned, she said. Thousands more each month are left destitute on the streets of Kuomintang-dominated China, she declared, because of the crushing poverty of their parents. The medieval ignorance which the Kuomintang has for 20 years enforced, also takes its toll, Mme. Kang charged. In just one district, nearly half of 4,053 children died shortly after birth, in most cases as a result of infection caused on cutting their umbibilical cords.

In North China, on the other hand, 20,000 medical workers have already been organized into teams to help the people of the liberated villages. They bring with them simple posters explaining basic medical and hygenic facts, train midwives, etc. But this is only scratching the surface, Mme. Kang told her sisters.

In order to liberate women for industrial effort, the Congress was told, nursery facilities must be greatly increased and improved. If this could be accomplished in Yenan while guerilla warfare was going on, said Mme. Kang, "today nothing must be allowed to stand in the way of enabling a mother to go to work and at the same time feed her baby and know that it is having proper attention."

The achievements of China's women in the Liberated Areas were recounted by Mme. Teng Ying-chan (the wife of Communist leader Chou En-lai). During the long months when the armies and civilians of Liberated China were blockaded from the towns and villages, she said, the women spun and wove cloth, made shoes and worked on the land, while their men went to the battlefronts.

In the last two years and nine months, the women of Liberated China made more than 50 million pairs of shoes for the People's Army.

To aid in the huge task of building a new, industrialized China, it was stressed, the educational and cultural level of China's women must be raised so that they may take their full part in every phase of industrial and agricultural production. On the one hand, male superiority and on the other, women's disdain for such labor, must be rooted out along with other vestiges of feudal thinking.

To the women of China, the Congress issued the following fighting slogans:

- Support the World Peace Congress
- Smash the intrigues of the instigators of world war.
- Support the fortress of world democracy and peace—the Soviet Union.
- Support Mao Tze-tung's eight-point program.
- Smash the 'peace' maneuvers of the reactionary Kuomintang clique.
- Struggle for a lasting world peace!

Prelude

(Continued from Magazine Page 7)

not be too late. He'd show his people that he really had their interests at heart. He'd made a promise, and he'd follow through. He stiffened his thin shoulders.

Picking up his broad-brimmed black fedora, and straightening the stiff, clerical collar that was his unofficial visa in the white man's part of town, the Reverend Josiah Smith strode out into the noonday sun.

At this time of day, as was usual, the street was quiet, lined with lassitude. Josiah knew that this time it was different, though; that this was quiet lined with fear, with tension. And, as his strides lengthened, memories of other troubled times stirred uneasily in his mind. He was passing the railroad tracks now, and the trestle. It was almost 30 years ago, that trouble at the trestle—before he got his call, he recollected, before he found the way. Thirty years was a long time in a man's life, a long time in the life of a town like this, too, Josiah told himself sternly. This was 1949—they didn't drag people out of bed in the middle of the night and—well, might as well say it!—string them up. They were civilized now, hereabouts. All that talk about what happened at Columbia, Tennessee, and over in Georgia—that was gossip talk, the rumor mill! People were educated, sober, now; most had been away to war, had fought for something—

Did he really believe that? Josiah stopped and faced his conscience. Then why was he shivering in the heat of noon—trembling in the pit of his stomach? Was it the brief remembrance of that trouble at the trestle, years ago? A fleeting moonlit picture that ran through his mind despite himself, of something gaunt and stiff, swinging with horrible rhythm? What did he hear—was it the high-pitched, wailing keen of a little child—the child that he had been?

He straightened up, and mopped his streaming forehead. Then angrily, he shook himself. Panic was contagious! He'd not get out of hand again! He forced himself to swear it.

And, by the time he reached the Sheriff's office, he'd regained his calm and reasoned thinking. "Sure, he'll see you!" a deputy told him when he asked for the Sheriff. The Sheriff even rose to greet him, smiling courteously, offering a cheroot.

However, when Josiah stated his business, the Sheriff dropped his smile. "Protection for your part of town?" he demanded, on a rising note of ridicule. "Protection from what? These?" And he laughed, swept the scrawled warnings off his desk and into the waste-basket. "Someone's playing pranks!" he added. "You go home and write your sermon for next Sunday, Reverend! This here's a little out of your line!"

"You mean—you won't take any action—?" Josiah tried to protest. But the Sheriff had given him enough of his valuable time. He shrugged, turned back to his desk, and indicated that the interview was over. Josiah sat, wordless, for a moment.

Then, gravely, he picked up his broad-brimmed hat and bowed. Courteously, he hoped. The Sheriff was courteous, too, bowing back with a gold-toothed, taunting sort of smile, spreading his hands and shrugging. A bit too courteous, Josiah thought, as he stepped outside, his senses sharpening.

"I might have known that that would be a waste of time!" Josiah told himself, stiffly. His spirits rose a little as he crossed the street and strolled into the business center of the town. It was quiet, listless, here, too, he noticed; but soon, when school was out, the pretty girls would be walking arm-in-arm along the pavements, showing off their multicolored, backless dresses, chatting of school affairs. There'd be youngsters tossing down their bicycles to dash into the drugstore for a coke—in just a little while. It usually made a very pleasant picture. Nothing evil could ever happen in that carefree, casual scene!

The main street of the town stretched wide and empty, now, however. And Josiah couldn't wait. Anyway, he told himself, recalling his mission, the Sheriff didn't really have anything to say in this town! He was just a figurehead. The Plantex Corporation, with its dozen mills and factories in the valley, had the town sewed up tighter than a hog's ear! Everybody knew it, took it much for granted. Even Josiah knew it, though he'd never paid much heed to politics and business doings, in the past. Mr. Greenley, for instance, the general superintendent of the plants — he'd be mighty glad to listen and to help! Why, he'd sat at the same table—after dinner, of course—with Josiah and another colored minister, when they held that Inter-Faith Conference last fall.

But Mr. Greenley wasn't in his office today, they told Josiah at the factory gate. His wife was sick or something, the timekeeper reported to Josiah after a 20-minute wait. Did he want to leave a message?

No, this was a personal matter, Josiah replied gravely. He'd get in touch with Mr. Greenley at his home. Wasn't the Greenley back door always open for complaints and grievances? For instance, that time when Ed Peters' wife ruptured her appendix, it was Mr. Greenley who'd made the arrangements at a hospital in the next town! Mr. Greenley's heart was in the right place, Josiah'd heard it said.

Breathing heavily from the half-mile climb back from the main factory gate, Josiah stopped to rest before the fountain, in the town square. Here, too, the silence seemed to stand almost visibly, like the heat waves. But Josiah paid no heed. His eyes were narrowed as he counted out his chances in a man-to-man encounter with the Plantex superintendent. He knew the percentage and felt they were in his favor—but could he risk a call on a matter such as this—so delicate a matter? He knew how Mr. Greenley felt about the foreigners here in town—wouldn't he be justified in blaming his employes for the trouble they'd gotten themselves into? After all, Josiah had been tempted to take that attitude.

"I'll have to chance it," Josiah told himself, at last, deciding to bank on his relationship with Mr. Greenley in the past. Everyone pointed up at Josiah Smith as a levelheaded citizen, who tried to serve his people—and his community—by sticking to the middle of the road! Would Mr. Greenley take him for a meddling, superstitious old darkey if he went to him with this? But then he, Josiah, had had no truck with the foreigners, he'd tell the superintendent. It they made trouble for themselves, that was no call of his. But this was different — this warning. It was — what was the word? Indiscriminate!

No, trouble didn't ask to see your union card, once it started rolling! Josiah looked across the street, upstairs over the hardware store, and his eyes hardened. They didn't seem to care what danger they brought to his people! Their sign, with its three-letter emblem, proclaimed its brazen message to the world, for all who cared to see. And, for a fleeting moment, Josiah sighed to think of all the misery that the alphabet could furnish. All those three-letter word combinations — CIO, AFL, KKK — but that was getting childish! He'd better stop this doddering before it was too late.

Apparently it was too late, already. At the back door of the Greenley house, Josiah sensed a heavy, brooding silence—the same suspenseful atmosphere he'd felt throughout the town. And when at last Mrs. Greenley herself appeared in answer to his knock, the silence scarcely stirred.

"Mr. Greenley's left for Birmingham," she told Josiah curtly, her angular figure stiffening as he shifted from one foot to the other at the doorstep.

Remembering his manners, Josiah murmured, "Glad to see you're feeling better, Ma'am," then, at her look of cool, impatient puzzlement, "Could you tell me when he's coming back?"

"Don't know!" the woman snapped. "Now get along with you— I'm busy!" And Josiah drew back shaken, mortified, as the door slammed in his face. Another little door slammed too, inexplicably, in his mind, as he recalled that the train to Birmingham came through at six o'clock. Could it be that—? No, Mr. Greenley must be driving up, he told

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Movies:

Huston Fails With Story of Cuban Revolt

By JOSE YGLESIAS

JOHN HUSTON, the director of such fine films as **The Maltese Falcon** and **Treasure of Sierra Madre**, has failed with **We Were Strangers**. His effort in this latest film is to reach out to a positive and more important theme than that of his successes. They dealt with the destructive effect on people of the pursuit of illusions and of money. **We Were Strangers**, like another failure of his, **Key Largo**, attempts to show the moral resources of people who fight social evils, in one gangsters and in the latest oppressive government.

It is to Huston's credit that he undertakes such a story as the struggle against the Machado dictatorship in Cuba. Revolutionaries are not the kind of heroes our government would like to have Americans learn about. Nor the fight of the Latin American people for democratic self-government. But if this is an important theme to film today, it is even more important that it be done with historical clarity and ideological concreteness.

Huston's other films have been parables with simple generalized morals, but stories have been detailed and complex, their excitement and tension generated by these qualities. In **We Were Strangers**, one could say, the opposite is true—its theme is complex, its story simplified beyond significance.

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In 1933 a girl whose brother has been shot on the steps of the University of Havana by the Machado secret police joins the revolutionary underground. A leader of the underground outlines a plot to assassinate the government leaders and thus begins a much needed revolution. A small group works from the girl's home, digging a tunnel into the cemetery where the revolutionaries hope to draw their enemies for a funeral. They plan to explode a bomb which will, thus, destroy all the government leaders.

The plot goes awry. The revolutionary leader and the girl are surrounded and the chance for a revolution seems hopeless. Their faith in the rightness of their beliefs makes them fight back, and although one of them dies, a revolution breaks out that ousts the Machado regime. Emblazoned across the screen is the statement of Thomas Jefferson: "Resistance to tyranny is obedience to God."

NOW, THIS SIMPLE story could be used both as a means of showing the revolution in Cuba and of illustrating Jefferson's statement. And it is what Huston, as director and collaborator on the screen play, attempts. But the bareness of the story, its lack of true detail and a realistic social consciousness, creates a vagueness and flabbiness that does justice to neither. The audience seeing the movie cannot learn very much about the democratic struggle of the Cuban people nor gain any moral or social insight into what fighting tyranny means. Jefferson's words seem more like an apology for the characters' behavior than a social moral proved in the film.

THE CHARACTERS of **We Were Strangers** walk the streets of Havana where Huston filmed the movie but they are not Cubans. They speak a Mexican-accented English, improvise Calypso songs, and never display the mores that distingushes them as a national group. They refer to U. S. citizens as "Americans"; our appropriation of this title Cubans attribute to a chauvinism derived from our power in the Americas. If they were polite they would say "North Americans," but the characters of this story would be more likely to say "yanquis" which is something of an epithet. Negroes are not shown in the leading role they have played in all of Cuba's democratic strug gles. They scarcely appear in the streets of Havana.

On this naturalistic level Huston is, thus, only half successful. But the social vision, the historical realism, which could have saved this lack of familiarity with the material, is sadly missing. In the very foreword to the movie the first omissions are made and the situation simplified. Machado's regime from 1924 to 1933 were years, the foreword says, when liberty was quashed and terror and oppression reigned. In 1933 freedom returned. The truth is that in 1933 Wall Street changed horses in Cuba and it wasn't until the later days of Batista that the Cuban people were able to exact a measure of political democracy—the legality of the Communist Party for one thing.

Probably the greatest issue—and one which exists today—in the struggle for Cuban freedom has been that of the Wall Street domination of every major Cuban industry. The clause in our treaty with Cuba which allowed for the entrance of U. S. troops to maintain "peace" was further insurance that only those could reign in Cuba whom our capitalists desired. These facts are what make the word "Yankee" an epithet in the mouths of Cubans. In the movie there is a careful dissociation of U. S. responsibility for the oppressed economy and political life of Cuba. If to us such a lack makes **We Were Strangers** unreal, to Cubans it will be insulting.

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"**RESISTANCE** to tyranny is obedience to God" is a complex statement that needs just such concreteness to appear significant. Also it is with such a weave of social facts that real characters are clothed. Since the characters do not derive their strength from theology, then their resistance to tyranny is obedience to their conscience. But these revolutionaries have no social conscience to guide them. Individually they all hate the Machado regime and its police, as it's suggested do the people, yet they have no sense of themselves as a class or of their social power. Their struggle for freedom is an isolated, terroristic act.

True, the movie's hero affirms his faith that the Cuban people will follow their lead. But if the sudden revolution is to be believed, if the source of moral strength of revolutionaries is to be revealed, then their connection with and their representation of class forces in society have to be seen actively in the story. Otherwise Jennifer Jones and John Garfield cannot but walk like Hollywood ghosts in an alien land.

Perhaps John Houston sees rebellion only as idealistic bravery. But it seems to us that he anticipates, rather, the long eye of Wall Street's guards of Hollywood production. In doing so he has emasculated his art, created dull characters and empty situations and, as if a result of these self - imposed blinders, there is scarce one single imaginative direction of the camera which distinguished his other work. In any case it would seem that a modern revolutionary theme can only be aborted even when one of the best and most sincere of Hollywood's artists is involved.



A SCENE from "The Last Stop," powerful Polish film about the women's section of the infamous Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz.

Hollywood:

The Fabulous Mack Sennett & Popcorn Eating During Movies

By DAVID PLATT

I SEE that Mack Sennett, the pioneer American producer of slapstick has been signed by Paramount to assist in the production of **Madcap Mabel**, a film about Sennett and Mabel Normand, the silent movie comedienne. Betty Hutton will be 'Mabel' and John Lund will be 'Sennett.'

Mack Sennett is one of Hollywood's fabulous characters. For all I know he may be broke today, but at one time he was one of the wealthiest men in the industry. He had so much money (this was before the stock crash I think) he simply didn't know what to do with it. He had more dough invested in gold mines, oil wells and real estate than the swindler Ponzi. Once for a lark Sennett purchased an entire mountain in the suburbs of Hollywood and hired an army of road-builders and rock-blasters to build a winding road to the top of his possession. When it was completed the 'King of Comedy' drove his car up the expensive trail, rode it down the mountain side and never returned. For five years thereafter nobody else was permitted to tresspass on the property. That, dear friends, is what is politely referred to as 'Free Enterprise.'

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NINE OREGON Senators have introduced a bill in that state's legislature making it a crime to sell or eat popcorn and peanuts in theatres. Under the terms of the bill a theatre exhibitor will be liable to a $100 fine and thirty days in jail for permitting loud eating during a film. Loud eaters, if the bill becomes law, can be ejected from the theatre without refund; while patrons offended by the loud eaters will be entitled to three times the admission price for being annoyed plus the right to sue for damages.

How do the theatre owners feel about this bill? Not so good. Ted Gamble, chairman of the Theatre Owners of America declared it was 'unamerican.' "Seventy five percent of our patrons eat popcorn and peanuts," he said, "because they want to eat popcorn and peanuts." Very neatly put. Besides, he added, "most theatres now sell these things in noiseless boxes. This bill is un-American."

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SPEAKING of phony Americanism, the Blevins Popcorn Company in Nashville, Tenn. is marketing a new popcorn box with an "atomic bomb ring." They're advertising this new corn as a "nationally-tested, self liquidating premium for children containing an adjustable ring with harmless radioactive materials." Atombombing is such fun!

NEWS ABOUT THIS AND THAT

Young Progressives at Roosevelt College, Chicago, Ill. are fighting attempts of the school to show the KKK film **Birth Of A Nation** . . .

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Border warfare has struck in Hollywood: Both 20th Century Fox and Milton Sperling have registered the title **Over the Border**. Paramount has one called **Below the Border**. MGM has **Border Incident** and is thinking of changing its **Contraband** to a title with the word 'border' in it. This borders on something or other.

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THE BRITISH film **Men Are Not Gods**, an 'oldie' revived for no good reason in New York was once called "the most naive message which has come from England since the Stamp Act of 1765—the cause of the Boston Massacre."

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THE NEW ITALIAN film **Measure For Measure** from Shakespeare's play is subtitled **The Seducer Must Pay.**

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A SERIES of anti-imperialist films has been completed in the USSR. The titles include **The Man From Wall Street; Marked Dollar; We Defend The Peace.**

Around the Dial:

Modern Success Story

By BOB LAUTER

VLADIMIR SELINSKY is a conductor and composer for the Columbia Broadcasting System. Following the custom of the network, the publicity department has sent out a brief story of his life. It is presented as a success story, but, unwittingly enough, it turns out to be a very acid comment on what constitutes "success" in the mind of some.

Selinsky was born in Czarist Russia where he and his family were kicked from pillar to post. During the first World War they were refugees, but they sold all their possessions and went to Berlin to begin the reluctant trip back to old Russia. German officials questioned them and arrested them as a civilian prisoners.

Vladimir Selinsky's fathe: was a musician, and the boy began the study of the violin at the age of five. While in Germany, the elder Selinsky had difficulty holding a job because he had to report to the German police three times a week.

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WHEN THE WAR ended, the family remained in Germany while they waited their turn for passage to the United States. It took them until 1925 to reach this country.

Vladimir Selinsky was then 15, and already an accomplished violinist who planned a career on the concert stage. In America he won a scholarship at the Institute of Musical Art where he continued his violin studies.

The elder Selinsky then got a job playing in the house orchestra for the Strand Theatre in New York. One day he fell ill. Young Vladimir managed to get a union card as a violinist, and took over for his father until the latter recovered.

Recovery did not help the elder Selinsky, however, because when the talkies came into the Strand, the orchestra went out.

Young Vladimir then gave up his plans for a concert career and took odd jobs as violinist and assistant conductor with musical comedy orchestras.

In 1929, he managed to get into radio and recordings, and during the '30's he originated two radio shows.

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AT PRESENT Vladimir Selinsky composes and conducts original scores for two CBS shows, and for one on another, network. He composes an original score in approximately three days, which figures out to a nine-day week. But he manages it in seven.

He furnishes the scores for the CBS **Electric Theatre**, and for the **FBI In Peace and War.** He finds the latter more difficult since he must come up with a different score each week for a cops-and-robber script.

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NOBODY PAYS much attention to Selinsky's scores once the radio program is over. The music, after all, serves no purpose but to pretty up the hackneyed scripts of such shows as the **FBI in Peace and War.**

Now the man who studied the violin since he was five years old, fled from country to country, helped support his family with his music, won a scholarship at an institute, and dreamed of a concert career, is proclamed a success because he can produce three scores a week for a network.

Pamphlets: 'Jungle Law or Human Reason'

A Mine of Facts for The Peace Offensive

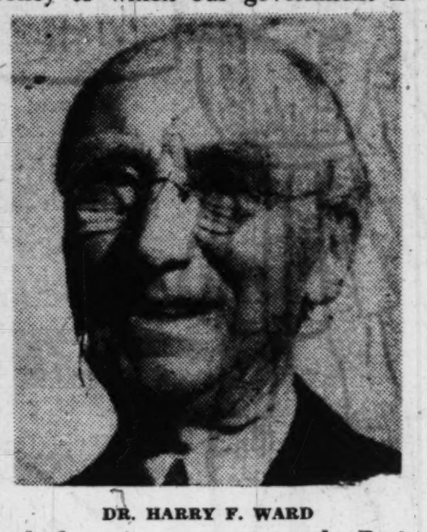
JUNGLE LAW OR HUMAN REASON, by Jessica Smith, SRT Publications, New York, 1949. 48 pp. Ten cents.

By Dr. Harry F. Ward

IT WAS WRITTEN long ago, in a collection of documents which is still our best seller, that without knowledge the people perish.

In that peril the people of the United States, and millions of others, now stand.

This is because they do not know the facts, nor understand the consequences, of the policy to which our government is committed in the Atlantic Pact with its Siamese twin the Western European rearmament program, with Mediterranean or Middle East and Pacific Pacts on the way.



DR. HARRY F. WARD

As part of the effort to give the people the knowledge that will enable them to prevent the greatest destruction in history that draws nearer with each step in our foreign policy. Jessica Smith, the editor of **Soviet Russia Today**, has written a comprehensive pamphlet stating the case against the Atlantic Pact and the Rearmament Program without which, as its sponsors say, the Pact has no teeth. The title, borrowed from the **Wall Street Journal**, is **Jungle Law or Human Reason.**

The need for such an undertaking is both great and urgent. The voice from the White House, which has been so profuse with promises, has said there should be wide discussion. But what kind are we getting? Surely more than three-fourths of the press and radio utter only what the Administration wants the people to hear and know. The kind of discussion there was in and around the Lincoln-Douglass debates, when once before our nation stood at the turning point in its destiny, is outdated. Now we have, as Bruce Catton has documented in **War Lords of Washington,** government by propaganda.

As a consequence, in addition to the results of Clark's subversive list, halls are cancelled and denied and radio time is refused, all across the land. Even Senators arise in Washington to complain that they are not free to express themselves in opposition because of the atmosphere created by State Department advance propaganda, and that when they do, the press fails to report them. In a recent week when four to six hours in the Senate for several days were taken up by criticism of the Pact and its accompanying Rearmament, only a few lines from those speeches appeared in print, and those in only a few papers.

The pamphlet under discussion presents three conclusions concerning the meaning of the Pact. The first is that behind the front of defense against armed attack there is consideration of "the eventuality of an aggressive war against the Soviet Union."

The second conclusion is that the talk about "indirect aggression" really means putting reactionary governments in power and helping them to suppress democratic and liberation movements as well as Communists.

The third conclusion is that behind the Pact and its prigram of military production is the need for war orders "as the only way out of the threatening economic depression." This has been generally admitted by all our leading financial, industrial and trade journals.

In support of these conclusions, the pamphlet presents an analysis of the meaning of the Pact, Article by Article. The unavoidable result is that the Pact both nullifies and supersedes the UN. Its sponsors have apparently recognized the absurdity of calling it a regional arrangement and so dropped that phrase. The attempt to get it under the Article concerning an "armed attack" ends in absurdity because, when its obligations are fulfilled, World War III is on and the UN is ended. A comparison of the high aims professed with the actual conditions in the areas they control at once shows these professions to be the usual moral phrases with which each step in the cold war has to be covered to conceal its real nature and purpose.

The next, and all too brief section of the case against the Pact deals with its costs and consequences; the effects upon the standard of living of the low and middle income groups; the inevitable contraction of social welfare, here and abroad, from putting more and more of the economy to the production of the materials of war instead of the means for a more abundant life.

The most detailed body of fact in the pamphlet is naturally that which completely exposes the two myths of "Soviet agression" and its "indirect aggression." This is then strengthened by the counter-attack upon our intervention in China, Greece and Korea. And still further by the record of our refusal of further discussion on the Berlin issue and the whole German question.

Over against this is set the story of the long effort of the Soviet Union for peace and the roots of that policy in the necessities of the program of building Socialism in one country.

Over against all of this, of course, is the basic fact that the other side of the coin of our attempt to "contain Communism" (continually confused with the claim of stopping Soviet expansion) is our effort to expand monopoly capitalism. What is beginning to trouble our allies in the Pact, more than it worries the peoples of Eastern Europe, is our own "indirect aggression" in behalf of American monopoly interests.

This lies, officially unmentioned, but more and more talked about by businessmen as well as workers, peasants and intellectuals, under the opposition to the Pact, both abroad and here, to which a section of the pamphlet is given. This opposition will need to be more clearly understood here as the discussion of the Rearmament program proceeds. The Achilles heel of this whole venture is the fact that the workers of Western Europe, and to a considerable degree, of England will not produce for a war against the Soviet Union. The generals are worried about where to get man power. Their answer, Germany, will be a broken reed.

The final appeal of the pamphlet is for a complete mobilization for peace, that will compel full and open discussion in the Senate, with time for the people all over the nation to be heard from; that will roll up more strength against the rearming program; that will not quit if both go through; but will then demand that neither be implemented until a final effort at discussion of differences with the Soviet Union be made, with this time some constructive proposals on our part.

Next to the rank and file of labor, there can be drawn into such a peace movement those church groups, not inconsiderable, which have declared that war is not inevitable, that there are no differences between us and the Soviet Union which are not subject to reasonable discussion and peaceful settlement; that our government should cease its demand for diplomatic surrender and offer some concrete proposals as a basis of discussion for the economic collaboration of the whole of Europe.

For such a peace offensive Jessica Smith's pamphlet is an arsenal of facts, a marshalling of reasons and a guide book of tactics. It should be followed, as the discussion in Congress proceeds, with brief leaflets containing more material on each vital point at issue.

Books:

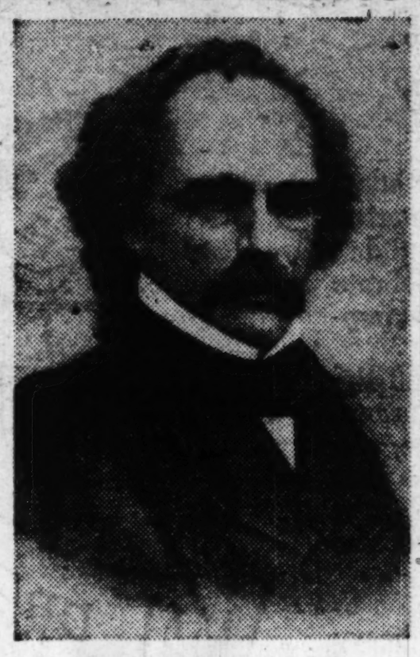
Mark Van Doren's Biography Of Nathaniel Hawthorne

IN HIS STUDY of Nathaniel Hawthorne for Sloane's **American Men of Letters** series, Mark Van Doren writes: "Surrounded in his day by conservatives and reformers, he could stomach neither." It is not in criticism that Van Doren says this, for he continues: "He (Hawthorne) was not certain what things were worth defending, what things were due to be done anew. If the picture of Hawthorne in his times is a picture of a bewildered man, hesitating and guessing, and sometimes blundering, the reason is an imagination that never abdicated in favor of phrases or causes."

NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE, by Mark Van Doren. Sloane. New York. 285 pp. $3.50.

This is gentle enough a judgment on the man whose gloomy morality tales have over-shadowed the political time-server and apologist for slavery.

It scarcely suffices to describe as "smug"—as Van Doren does—Hawthorne's observation in his fulsome campaign biography of the pro-slavery Franklin Pierce that slavery might be **"one of those evils which divine Providence does not leave to be remedied by human contrivances, but which, in its own good time, by some means impossible to be anticipated, but of the simplest and easiest operation, when all its uses shall have been fulfilled, it causes to vanish like a dream."**



NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE

IN LESS ORNATE phraseology, the identical philosophy is still being sold as a substitute for struggle against the evils of capitalism.

Hawthorne "hated reformers who loved their own sentences more than the silent truth," Van Doren tells us. Here again is a specious alibi, akin in spirit to the renegades from communism of today who explain away their service to reaction with the whining and dubious complaint that individual Communists committed heinous sins against their precious persons.

Hawthorne, of course, was no renegade from the social and political struggles of his time which centered about the slavery question. Despite a brief stay at the utopian socialist Brook Farm, and a later residence in the Concord of Thoreau and Emerson, his bent was rather to stay aloof, detached, above the raging conflicts.

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IN OUR TIME much more so than in Hawthorne's there are artists and intellectuals who conjure up sins and errors committed by the left as compelling reasons why they should play neutral observer or immobilized sympathizer in the life-and-death struggle against fascism.

It is not strange, therefore, that Hawthorne's emphasis on the perpetuity of evil in men's hearts, and his remoteness from the great anti-slavery battles which engaged the hearts and minds of the best among America's intellectuals; it is not strange that this Hawthorne should be the stimulus for a new miniature cult in the making.

Despite this sudden flurry of Hawthorne biographies and appreciations, it is not likely that history will reject the judgment with which, in the following brief sentence, Vernon L. Parrington, summed up the artist and the man:

"He was the extreme and finest expression of the refined alienation from reality that in the end palsied the creative mind of New England. Having consumed his fancies, what remained to feed on?" —R.F.

An Illuminating 'History of Early Russian Literature'

By ROBERT FRIEDMAN

FOR THIS READER and probably a great many other Americans who have read and loved the classics of Russian fiction, the history of Russian literature preceding, say, Gogol, has always been a big blank. ; This blank is now filled in by the English translation of the authoritative History of Early Russian Literature by Nikolay K. Gudzy, member of the Soviet Academy of Sciences and professor of literature at the Second Moscow State University. The History of Early Russian Literature is the third volume in Macmillan's series of translations of contemporary Russian works. A fascinating study, Prof. Gudzy's history traces the development of Russian literature from the ecclesiastical writings of the 13th century in the feudal Kiev empire down to the 17th century when a fully national literature took shape alongside the maturing of Russia as a nation.

The History of Early Russian Literature, by N. K. Gudzy. Translated by Susan Wilbur Jones. Macmillan. New York. $10. 545/pp.

Utilized primarily by students of Soviet universities, The History of Early Russian Literature should not, however. seem forbidding to the American reader who is not a specialist in the subject.

The volume is rich anthology on its subject, including a great many of the examples of early Russian literature which the author considers. Since many of these are often noteworthy primarily as the only surviving writings of a particular time or place, the author understandably emphasizes not artistic merit but the clarity which they provide on social and political relationships.

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THE AUTHOR himself acknowledges that "the Marxist-Leninist study of early Russian literature is as yet in the embryonic stage." Yet the reader will hardly support the flip assurances by Gleb Struve in his introduction to this American edition that there are "relatively few conventional curtsies to the teaching of Marx and Lenin" in this book. On the contrary, there is a constant reference of the literary works under discussion to the historical development of Russia and the class composition of its society.

While there is much in **The History of Early Russian Literature** which may appear to be of remote interest to the average American reader, no one who has enjoyed the works of Gogol, Pushkin, Chekhov, Tolstoy and all the other Russian literary greats can read this study without gaining a clearer understanding of the wellsprings of the country's literature. In much the same way, this volume is an illuminating contribution to a knowledge of Russian history.



JUST FOR US

Puppet Play

DEAR kids,

Today is our first birthday! Do you remember how we started out exactly a year ago, and didn't even have a name? To celebrate our birthday we're having this puppet show.

First, color the scenery and the puppets. Then cut off the bottom strip, where the marchers are, and paste it into the back of a box which you are going to use for a stage. A dress box is a good size for this.

Paste the rest of the page on to some thin cardboard or heavy paper, and cut out the children from different countries. Do you see the little holes on their shoul-

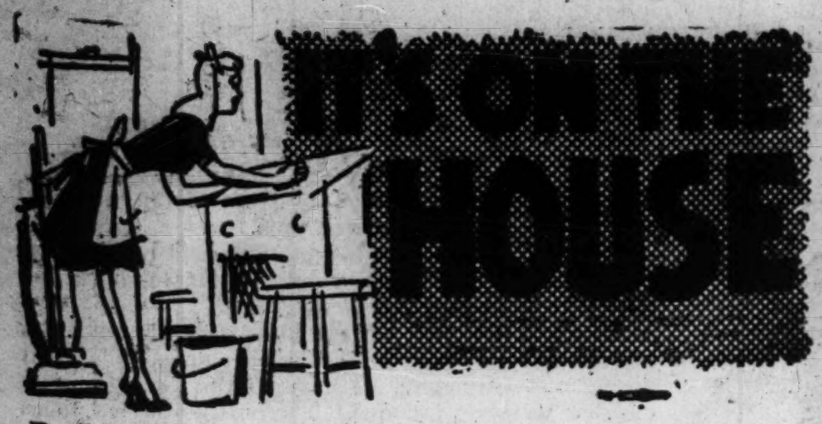
lers? These holes are for the strings which you pull to make the puppets act. Attach the string to a piece of cardboard with scotch tape or adhesive. Cut a slot in the top part of your stagebox for the string to pass through, or cut the top side off altogether. On with the May Day parade, and Happy Birthday to Us!











By Joe Lynne
(Federated Press)

MOTH PREVENTION

IT'S spring and everyone is laying plans for the summer—even moths.

And so, unless you have no objection to being a vacation resort for a thriving family of moths, you'd better get to work soon.

First steps, of course, is to sort your clothing. Rejoice when you encounter linen, cotton, rayon or silk. You don't have to take any precautions with them. But anything wool or part wool needs attention and that doesn't mean just dresses and coats. Check your rugs, draperies, blankets, mittens, socks, scarfs, caps, yarns, hats and sweaters as well.

Then divide the woolen heap into pieces that may be safely laundered and those that must be drycleaned. Once clean, pieces have to be cared for immediately. Only a few unguarded hours may be time enough for a moth to get its eggs in.

Basic step is to store the fabric in a container so tight that not a single moth can crawl in. It's a waste of money to sprinkle moth balls in opened spaces and you only fool yourself if you buy a fumigant and hang it in a closet you use every day. Moths will have a heyday anyhow and you will have a lot of unnecessary smell.

PROPER STORAGE

For all practical purposes, if you can take a garment right from the line or cleaning fluid and wrap it in newspapers, sealed tight shut, you will have done all that is necessary to keep moths out. As an added precaution you can use paradichlorobenzene or some other fumigant in either crystal, nugget or flake form—one pound for about every 75 cubic feet of space.

If you can do it, it's simplest to set aside one closet for storage and then seal it with gummed paper. Don't forget the keyhole. Tape that up, too, and then double check to make sure every cranny is closed.

Put your para product on an upper self because the fumes are heavier than air. If you can't spare a closet, use a chest or carton and go through the same process. Clothing may be put in tightly sealed garment bags.

Simple Frocks for Warm Weather



With warm days just around the corner you'll want several pretty frocks to resist the heat. Pictured today are two lovely styles that you can sew very quickly. At left is a figure-flattering dress with insets to insure a neat fit and at right, is a drawstring frock with few pattern pieces.

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Less Water, More Vitamins

SPARE THE WATER and save the vitamins is a good rule to follow when cooking vegetables.

Six vegetables—cabbage, rutabagas, peas, asparagus, cauliflower and spinach—were tested for vitamin C, both before and after cooking, by the Minnesota Station of the Department of Agriculture. All were cooked in four different ways: (1) in a pressure cooker above the water level; (2) in a tightly covered pan with only enough water to prevent scorching; (3) in a steamer, and (4) in an open kettle with water enough to cover during the entire cooking time.

Cooking by the last method—that is, with the most water—proved most wasteful of vitamin C in all these vegetables. The other three methods in which the vegetable came in contact with little water during cooking proved about equally good for saving vitamine C in cabbage, rutabagas, peas and asparagus.

Cabbage, for example, kept two-thirds of its vitamin C after cooking by the three water-sparing methods but kept only a fourth after cooking in water to cover. Rutabagas and peas also kept three-fourths of their vitamin C when they cooked in steam or very little water, but had only two-fifths after cooking under water.

The tests also showed that cauliflower kept its vitamin C best when cooked by steam—either in a steamer or in a pressure saucepan above the water level, while spinach came out with the most vitamin C after cooking under pressure but above water.

Saving vitamin C is not only important in itself but indicates a saving of quality generally—of fresh color and flavor and of perishable nutrients.

Paint It Red

Bright red paint can be put to many useful purposes around the house, as an aid to the safety and convenience of the family. Because red is one of the most eye-catching colors, it is useful as a warning and a hurry call.

For example, that high shelf in the bathroom cabinet, where medicines are kept out of reach and sight of curious children, may be painted red as a flag to other members of the family. Similarly, the containers of such poisonous materials as lye preparations for cleaning drains or insecticides—which also must be kept where children cannot possibly get at them — may well have a coat of red as a distinguishing mark.

Red also may help in emergencies. The pail of sand which many wise families keep on hand for fire control will be easier to locate if painted red as will the fire extinguisher, and the outdoor faucets to which a hose must be connected in a hurry. Red paint also can mark the first-aid-kit.

Finally, red paint on the handles of small garden tools will help prevent losing or mislaying them, because it will show up clearly against ground, grass or foliage.

FACTS FOR CONSUMERS
Your Dollar
By Consumers Union

Shampoos

ALL of the 41 brands of shampoo tested by Consumers Union did a good job of cleaning the hair and scalp—provided enough of the shampoo was used. But in a few cases enough meant a whole bottle full, or about 50 times as much as the amount needed of the most efficient shampoos. None of the products containing special ingredients were found to be better than ordinary shampoos. The most efficient—but not the most economical—shampoos are those containing synthetic detergents, such as Co-op Soapless, Drene and Prell. In fact, they were found to be so efficient that too much shampoo is apt to be used. The most economical shampoo can still be gotten with an ordinary bar of toilet soap. It has the disadvantages of all soap shampoos, however, of forming a curd in hard water and if small shreds of soap become attached to the hair—of being rather difficult to rinse out. The cream shampoos, satisfactory for both hard and soft water, found most economical by CU are Helene Crutis, 60 cents for a five ounce jar; Prell, 79 cents for a three ounce tube, and Glow, 88 cents for an eight-ounce jar. The most economical of the liquid shampoos tested and found satisfactory for hard as well as soft water are Co-op Soapless, 69 cents for 7½ fluid ounces; Drene, 79 cents for six fluid ounces; Kreml, 59 cents for six fluid ounces, and Halo, 79 cents for seven fluid ounces. Among the economical liquid shampoos satisfactory for soft water only are Tincture of Green Soap U.S.P, 29 cents for six fluid ounces; Ward's Dandruff Remover, 79 cents, plus postage, for one pint; Co-op Castile, 55 cents for one pint; Marchand's Castile, 35 cents for four fluid ounces.

Fats and Oils

DIFFERENT COOKING USES require different types of fats and oils. However, all the oils, lards and shortenings tested by Consumers Union were found up to standard, so that it is safe to select a brand of the type you need on the basis of price. Widely advertised and frequently more expensive brands showed no significant advantages. Any of the 11 brands of vegetable shortenings, nine brands of cooking and salad oils and nine brands of lard tested can be used for pan frying if not heated to a point where the fat begins to smoke, but for deep-fat frying where higher temperatures are required, only those fats that do not smoke at these temperatures should be used. For shortening of most baked goods, lards and solid hydrogenated oil shortenings are preferred, but for cake the latter are considered best. Salad dressings may be made with any of the oils. Acceptable hydrogenated oil shortenings suitable for all purposes are, according to CU, Co-op Fry Bake, Krogo, Red and White, and Sno-Kreem. Rated acceptable but not suitable for deep-fat frying, are Crisco, Dexo, Durkee's, Marvo, Snowdrift and Spry. Some acceptable oils are Co-op Corn Oil, Durkee's Peanut Oil, Mazola Salad Oil, Palmer's Hi-Hat Peanut Oil (not suitable for deep-fat frying) and Wesson Oil. Among lards found acceptable are Armour Star, Cudahy's Rex, Morrell Snow Cap, Sunnyfield and Swift'ning.

Sauerkraut

WHEN CANNED SAUERKRAUT is light-colored, finely cut, with a firm texture, practically free from defects and with proper acid content, it meets the requirements of the U. S. Department of Agriculture for first quality or Grade A. Of 29 brands of canned saeurkraut tested for Consumers Union by government graders only four achieved A Grade. Because of its nature, sauerkraut is more susceptible to decomposition in the can than most canned products. If the ends of a can bulge, it should be returned or discarded. The four brands rated Grade A by CU are, in order of cost, Del Monte, 15 cents; Shurfine, 16 cents; Claussen's, 17 cents; Iris Long Thread, 20 cents for a No. 2½ can (approximately one pound 11 ounces).

Hand Luggage

THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE that your hand luggage will withstand hard treatment if you buy either plastic covered bags or those made of vulcanized fibreboard. Leather and plain fibreboard are most susceptible to damage. According to Consumer reports, a study made by the National Bureau of Standards reveals these and other facts about types of hand luggage. In addition to laboratory tests, the Bureau sent loaded bags on a 12,000-mile railroad trip around the country. As a result of both use and laboratory tests, the bureau found that the four chief types of damage sustained in baggage room and travel are broken handles, broken or bent hardware, separation of frames or covering of frames, and puncturing of surfaces. In general it was found that larger size bags break more frequently than the smaller ones. Most of the best handles were found on inexpensive bags. The bureau's survey showed that most travelers overload their bags, which contributes to luggage damage. Failure to lock luggage, which is also common, may result in damage to the hardware because locks and catches often come open when the bags are severely jarred. Vulcanized fiberboard bags, which scored high in the tests, are relatively inexpensive. Plastic-covered bags are relatively expensive.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

For meatless meals, serve a peanut butter sauce over sliced hard cooked eggs. . . . Or use peanut butter in an omelet for protein richness and flavor.

Vary the white sauce to be served with cooked carrots. Try adding bits of cooked meat or fish, or hard - cooked egg, or grated cheese.

Evaporated milk maybe used full strength in such products as frozen desserts, scrambled eggs, and cheese sauce.

Serve scalloped cabbage, spaghetti and cheese.

Cook less spaghetti than usual.

Make a white sauce and add ½ pound of cheese shaved thin.

Arrange spaghetti, sauce, and shredded cabbage in a greased baking dish in layers.

Cover with a mixture of crumbs and table fat.

Bake for 20 to 30 minutes in a moderate oven.

THRIFT WITH FOOD

Team nourishing eggs and fish by use of a tasty egg sauce. Add chopped, hard-cooked eggs and a little lemon juice to plain white sauce. This sauce gains added richness if a well-beaten egg yolk is mixed into it during the last few minutes of cooking.

Dried split peas take up water in the cooking process. Watch the pot and add a little hot water, if needed.

Ted Tinsley Says....

A Little Something for the *Saturday Evening Post*

(The Saturday Evening Post recently published an article, **How I Was Duped By A Communist**, by Dorothy Thompson. The article follows in the hoof-prints of other cultural efforts such as the plans for a movie, **I Married A Communist.** In this article, Miss Thompson attacks the claim that some of her works were ghost-written. The article proves that if they weren't, they should have been. **How I Was Duped By A Communist** is a dangerous bit of propaganda. It is so extremely long, so extravagantly dull, that it threatens to bore the American people into a stupor during which Wall Street can have its way unhampered. Included in Miss Thompson's revelations was the remark that the Communist who duped her was regarded as a "smart bozo," a term I last heard as a babe at the breast. Could it be that "smart bozo" is now **hoch deutsche?** Since articles in the style of Miss Thompson's assault on our patience are much in demand, I am offering here the unabridged version of a confession written by that prominent journalist, Arch Farch. The **Saturday Evening Post** will find that it shares both the style and intellectual content of Miss Thompson's model. (It is for sale at the usual rates.)

I LIVED THREE AND A HALF BLOCKS FROM A COMMUNIST

by Arch Farch

I am making this confession for the sake of the American people. I would prefer not to tell how I lived three and a half blocks from a Communist, but in days such as these I have no right to keep my words from the public at twenty cents per word per word per word.

George Jones—and I later discovered that Jones was the Cominform name for Smith—was, to me, an average



young American. I mention this only to point out that he seemed to me an average young American. I passed him many times on the way to the grocery store, and although he always patted my dog as we met, I did not then consider it suspicious. After all, this was wartime and we often patted each other's dogs. It was not until later that I realized why he patted my dog. **He wanted information.**

Even when George Jones stopped me in the street one day and said, "Farch, we must win the war," I did not become alarmed at his remark. It was a strange thing to say, but many of us were taking a liberal attitude toward others at the time.

Jones was of medium height, with dark brown eyes. I mention this only to point out that he was not a tall man with light grey eyes.

The first time that George Jones gave himself away was when I met him in the butcher shop. This was during meat rationing. (I mention this only to point out that meat was rationed.) The butcher offered Jones a juicy porterhouse under the counter, but Jones rejected it, exclaiming, "I don't buy black market meat." Had I been as wise then as I am now, I would have realized that this was Jones' way of dividing the country on class lines. It took me years before I understood how insidiously a Communist works.

When the war ended, Jones revealed himself, and I finally admitted that my friends in the FBI, the Ford Service Department, the local Fink Agency, and my boyhood friend, Stanley Stoolpigeon, were absolutely right when they branded him a Communist. No sooner was the surrender signed, than Jones remarked to me, "Now we can denazify Germany!" Suddenly I understood all! In his excitement he forgot to pat my dog. He had a big smile on his face. I mention this only to show that he was happy.

Of course, I and my family immediately moved when we discovered that we lived only three and a half blocks from Jones. Unfortunately, a family named Smith moved into our old apartment, and the Smiths, I understand, are Communists. Now we have two Communist families living only three and a half blocks from each other.

Smith is not their real name. It is the Cominform name for Jones.

Wake up, America!

(I mention this only because I get twenty cents per word.)

Prelude

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himself stubbornly, standing there, irresolute, his broad-brimmed hat clutched in his hand.

But in his heart he knew that wouldn't work. He didn't have to spot the Greenley car, parked down the street, to know it wasn't quite that simple, now. Mr. Greenley didn't want to see him—what was there to say? There was often no explaining the strange whims and contradictions of white folks' behavior, he told himself. It was not for him to try. He must have faith, he reminded himself sternly. Faith in the essential decency of his fellow man. That was what the white ministers had said at the Inter-Faith Conference, last fall. In fact, the Reverend Amos Blanding of the Congregational Church, here in town, had made a stirring appeal to the Conference, to "Love Thy Fellow Man. . . ."

But the Reverend Blanding was busy today, too. Too busy for theological discussions. "The ways of the Lord are strange indeed," he said concisely, after Josiah had gotten past the barrier of two secretaries and a maid. "It is not for us to question his purposes. I advise you to go home and pray—" he fumbled on his desk for his massive, leather-covered Bible. "Perhaps the 14th Deuteronmy—"

"But you don't understand!" Josiah cried. "There have been these threats—my people turned to me —"

The Reverend rose, abruptly. "You are overwrought, Mr. Smith," he said, glancing toward the portieres leading to the hallway, a bit nervously. "I deeply sympathetize, of course—but you must understand that these local—er, issues, are quite beyond my province. . . ."

For a moment Josiah almost felt sorry for the Reverend Blanding, so manifest was his relief when one of his secretaries slipped into the room to usher the caller to the door. Josiah allowed himself to be ushered, without another word, and breathed deeply of the warm, dry air of the outside world. Of course the Reverend Blanding was in no position to offer anybody sanctuary, Josiah told himself grimly. He had his parishioners, his board of trustees, to consider.

With a weary sort of bitterness, Josiah retraced his steps, scarcely noticing that the streets were not quite empty now. The town yet seemed, somehow, to hold its collective breath. Perhaps the heat—Josiah thought. Preoccupied with his musings, he felt, rather than saw the little groups of ugly-looking strangers converging on the corners, and looked up in alarm as one addressed him. "Better scoot, uncle!" a harsh voice called, in grim good humor. The quip drew laughter from the other loungers, jolting

VIRGIL—Put to Good Use — By Len Kleis



Josiah sickeningly out of his mufsings.

What did the Bible say—"Turn the other cheek"? Too bitter, now, for panic, Josiah lengthened his strides, wondering how long you could keep turning, half-shocked at his own heresy. He had never questioned the teachings of the Bible before . . . But then, too, he'd never questioned that the decent element in this town would prevail over evil. And there were many faithful, God-fearing white folks hereabouts, he reminded himself. Where were they now? They'd be in their homes tonight, Josiah knew, safe behind their locked and shuttered windows, when the fiery cross was lit. No gleam would penetrate those shutters, the good folk would see to that.

Heavy-hearted at the thought, the Reverend Josiah Smith crossed the tracks that led to home. His steps lagged, in the late afternoon sun; and he pulled his black fedora low, not because he wished to hide from his neighbors' questioning eyes, but because he had no answer. And, for once, he had no words on tap to frame the sick inadequacy that was rising with him.

Walking up his own dusty little street, he found himself tossing a nod, a smile, automatically, to old Miz Crawford, Lester's mother; forcing his features into the semblance of their usual bland good humor. What was the old woman doing, he wondered fleetingly, crouched beside her window, peering out? There were other faces, half-glimpsed in the twilight haze, dark face alert and tense, at open windows all along the street. Josiah looked around him.

It was just that all the customary homely sights and sounds were heightened in the twilight haze, he tried to tell himself. But there were sounds of some strange activity behind the shuttered store fronts; the men coming home from work trod purposefully, not with their usual sauntering gait. Even old man Carter, lolling with his gee-tar in front of the funeral parlor, strummed loud and—yes, defiantly, instead of with his customary sleepy rhythm.

A little knot of people, all talking busily, clogged the sidewalk in front of Josiah's house, yet scarcely even noticed him as he started up the walk. He frowned, perplexed, a little hurt, and stood there, frankly staring.

"It's the preacher!" someone cried at last, and all the faces turned, simultaneously, toward Josiah. He drew back, startled now.

"They're inside—waitin'—" someone said, as Josiah stuck a limp finger inside his collar, struggling for the right word. It was like a reprieve, that sentence. "Who's waitin'?" he demanded quickly, before they had a chance to ask him any questions. "And what's goin' on around here?"

Eben Fowler, who had his own little farm up the lane, and commanded some respect in the neighborhood, stepped forward as the spokesman for the rest. "Why, the Committee—" he said. "Miz Smith said they could use your front parlor—sayin' your leave, Reverend—" he swallowed hard, gestured toward the house. "They're in there now—waitin' for you. . . ."

What this gibberish about committees? Turning without a word, Josiah hurried up the walk, past the magnolias and the sagging morning glories, into his small front room. He stopped and caught his breath, then, in surprised exasperation.

The room was filled, almost to overflowing, with a strange and alien throng. Here and there his angry eyes spotted familiar faces—there was Les Carter, standing at the table—and Manny Fowler, Eben's oldest son, and—but who were all these fellows? Not his neighbors, not his flock—not even his own people!

Les was hurrying forward now, his eyes alight. "Any news?" he asked; then, as Josiah mutely shook his head, he hurried on, his voice rising clear. "Didn't think there would be," he was saying, "But we want to thank you kindly, Reverend, for all you done. We got help now, good help. . . ." He gestured toward the crowded room.

Josiah found his breath, at last, and strode into the room, clutching Lester's arm. "Who are these people!" he demanded. "Northerners? Union men? The ones who got us into this? They'll make our troubles worse!"

Lester pulled his arm away, gently, but before he had a chance to answer, one of the white men stood up. "Do you really believe that?" he asked Josiah. "That we're foreigners, I mean? Why, most of us, down at the mill, have lived here all our lives! We know we're all in this together, see? This here's our town, the same as yours and their's! And tonight we aim to prove it!"

"But—but—" Josiah couldn't find the words, at first, to express his misgivings; then he suddenly found tongue, "What you gwine do?" he demanded. "Make our street a shambles? Risk the lives of innocent women and little children? This here's **blood** you're gamblin' with!"

Lester gripped Josiah's shoulder, as the other sighed and turned away. "Can't you see, Reverend—any other way is gamblin'— bowin' and scrapin'—hopin' against hope that if we don't fight back they'll leave us be—And knowin' in our hearts that's what they want—the Klan and them what stand behind 'em!"

"Them what stand behind 'em—" Josiah winced, as the mingled emotions of the day swept over him. The indignity of the interview with the Sheriff—his stunned disbelief at Mr. Greenley's calculated indifference—his resentment of the white minister's unChristian hypocrisy. It swept over him in a wave of almost physical sickness, and he felt himself go limp. "You can use my front room for your—your committee—" he said thickly. "But don't count on me for nothin' more—I done my best—" He shrugged and stumbled out.

Behind him, as he sought the quiet darkness of his kitchen, he heard the voice rise, steady, determined, calm. "You've all got your posts?" That was the white man's voice. "This here's our plan of action—"

It couldn't work—it wouldn't work—Josiah closed his ears. And yet, despite himself, he heard again the white man's words, resounding in his inner ear. "We're all in this together. . . ." The new, the startling implications of the words burst suddenly upon him. He opened his eyes, and drew a long, deep breath. . . .

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Peace Is Issue in 20th Race

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MAY DAY

End the Cold War

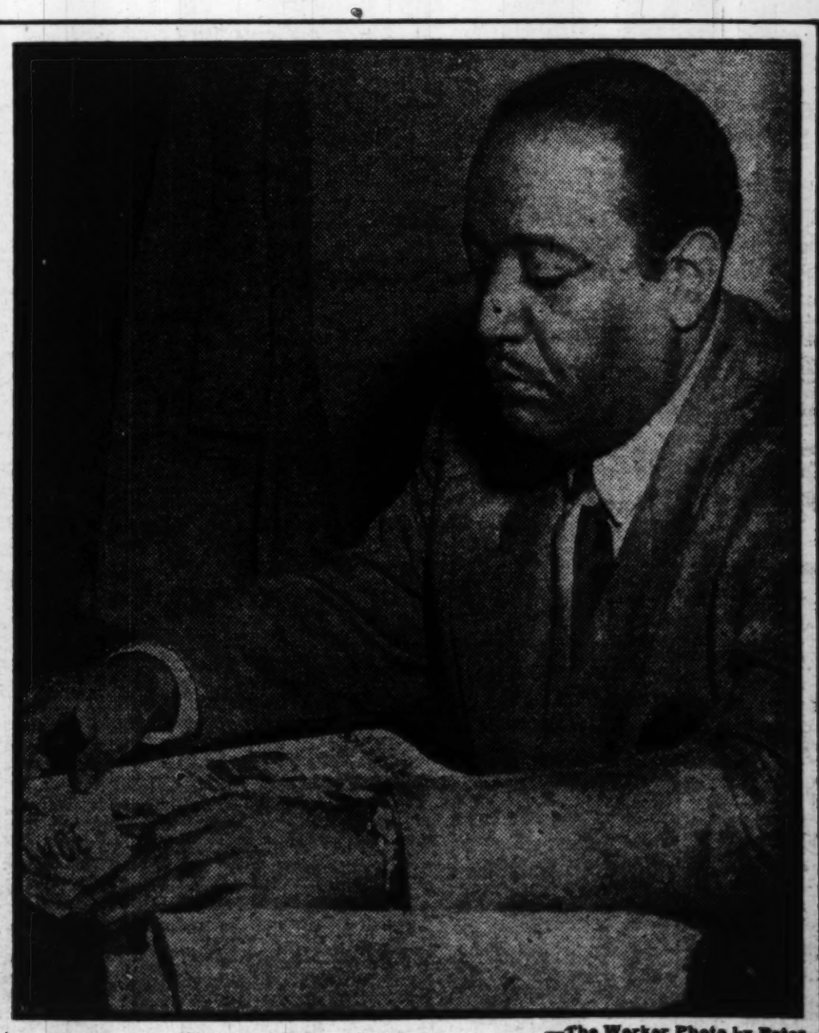
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BEN DAVIS TO RUN FOR RE-ELECTION

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COUNCILMAN DAVIS
At City Hall press conference on his candidacy

Dr. Rubinstein Charges Three Rivals Back Cold War

By Arnold Sroog

A strong campaign against the North Atlantic Pact by American Labor Party candidate Dr. Annette T. Rubinstein has highlighted the special election for Congress in Manhattan's 20th district.

With her race in high gear, following a speech in the district by Henry Wallace last Tuesday, Dr. Rubinstein has hammered at the "100 percent agreement" on the cold war between her three opponents. While a bitter inner fight among the Democrats has captured attention, no differences on issues have arisen between the three cold war candidates.

Opposing Dr. Rubinstein for the seat made vacant by the death of Rep. Sol Bloom are Magistrate Benjamin Shalleck, Democrat, William H. McIntyre, Republican, and Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., Liberal. Most blatantly pro-war of these three candidates has been Roosevelt, who has urged that U. S. foreign policy not be "too defensive."

While no division exists between these three candidates on the peace question, the same is true on other issues also. Even McIntyre, the Republican, an official of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., has claimed support of rent control, for example. The only difference that exists between candidates in the campaign on issues is that between Dr. Rubinstein and her three opponents, both on foreign and domestic policy.

While Shalleck and Roosevelt, for example, both favor repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law "with modifications," only Dr. Rubinstein is for outright Taft-Hartley repeal and re-enactment of the Wagner Act.

Young Roosevelt has made loud claims to being anti-Tammany and is basing his campaign on his alleged opposition to Tammany corruption, but he has no differences with the Tammany candidate, either on issues or on the desirability of the Tammany nomination.

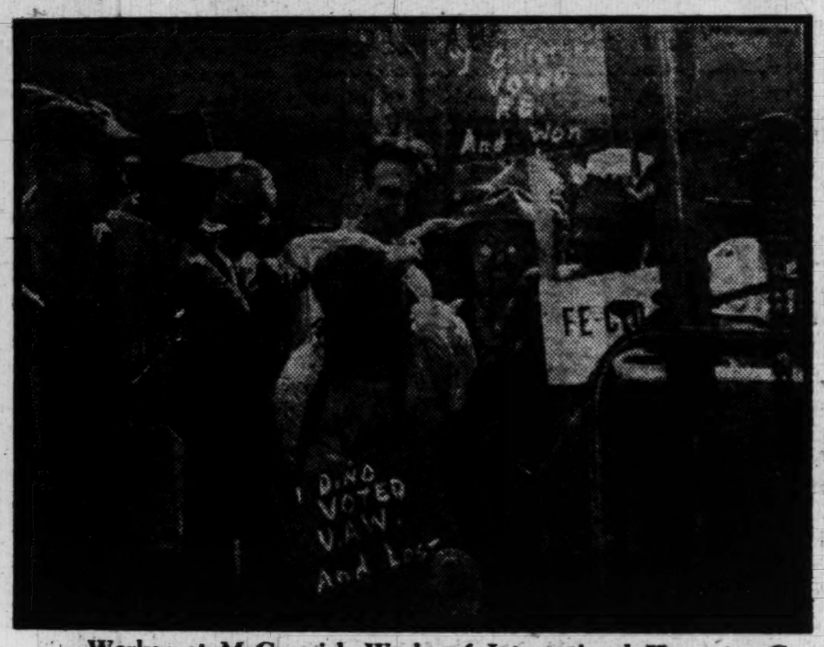
As exposed exclusively in the Daily Worker on Wednesday, Junior sent a personal emissary to the Tammany West Side leader Isidore Greenberg to ask for the nomination on the very day that Rep. Bloom was buried. Roosevelt's emissary, acting on his request, was Supreme Court Justice Benjamin Rabin, who called personally on Greenberg to ask the Tammany designation for Roosevelt.

The Rabin-Greenberg confab took place a few hours after Bloom's funeral, which they both attended along with Roosevelt. Greenberg is Democratic leader in the Fifth Assembly District and confidential assistant to President of the City Council Vincent Impelliteri. A few days after Rabin saw Greenberg, a second emissary approached him on Junior's behalf, this time someone representing Robert K. Strauss.

Some time after that Junior saw Tammany chief Hugo Rogers, Manhattan Borough President, and personally asked him for the nomination.

It was only after he had been turned down in favor of Shalleck that Roosevelt discovered Tammany's corruption and began his campaign against "reaction, corruption and Communism." Source of the ample funds of Junior's campaign remains unknown, although it is reported that his law firm has paid for the apartment he leased to establish a residence in the district.

The Democratic split, in which Junior is fronting for a dissident group seeking to oust the present Tammany leadership, is a renewal of long-smouldering warfare in Tammany. This feud broke out into the open last year briefly, when Mayor O'Dwyer fired Greenberg, but later rehired him after they buried the hatchet.



Worker at McCormick Works of International Harvester Co. pays off a bet after raid of UAW ends in dismal failure. Farm Equipment Union retained bargaining representation for plant's 6,000 workers, defeating UAW by a majority of more than 450.

Negro Longshoremen Hungry, But Stick to Fight For Jobs

"I've just had a cup of coffee and a piece of bread today: my children come first," said a Negro longshore picket, as he walked back and forth in front of the office of his president, Joe Ryan.

This Negro and his fellow workers have been picketing the Jimcrow boss of the waterfront for seven weeks. They have been marching two by two in front of the skyscraper building at Eighth Ave. and 14 St., where Ryan sits with his goons and his shipowner friends.

Their demands are as simple as life and death. They are demanding JOBS, that is the right to earn their bread by the sweat of their brow like other workers.

They used to get work. But since the war Ryan's stooges among the delegates and shop stewards of the International Longshoremen's Association have been helping the hiring bosses to bar the Negroes. White longshoremen tell me that they often hear Ryan officials saying that "the n——rs should go back to Harlem."

"We can't give up this fight, because we are fighting for our existence," a Negro picket was telling me last week.

But men can't fight without eating. And 800 members of Local 968—the predominantly Negro local, which is leading the fight—have dropped out of the industry since the war.

Only 10 or 11 per cent of the rest of the men get more or less steady work, that is an average of three or four days work a week. This small fraction of the 700 men left in Local 968 belong to four Negro gangs that are called in by the bosses on the piers near their union hall.

Some of the other men pick up occasional work, when an extra gang is used for a day or so. Many get no work at all.

President Cleophus Jacobs of Local 968 points out that other locals are guaranteed priority on piers near their union halls. But this clause doesn't apply to Negroes, who ask work on the piers in the Brooklyn Bridge near their union hall at 357 Furman Sat., Brooklyn.

Some help has come in. White longshoremen, white officials of some CIO local unions, have pledged support at some excellent mass unity meetings in Brooklyn.

And some money and groceries has come in.

But the thousands of women and children in the families of the 700 members of Local 968 need more groceries, more money for their gas and light bills until their men win the fight. And white pickets are urgently needed on the anti-Jimcrow picket line.

Help goes to Local 968, International Longshoremen's Association, 357 Forman St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Brewery Strikers Win Aid; Other Unions Join, Give Funds

Four hundred craftsmen in other unions officially joined the 7,000 CIO brewery strikers in New York City last week.

The strikers were gladdened also by the victory of 1,000 CIO beer strikers in Buffalo, who had walked out on April 1 when the New York men quit.

The Buffalo strikers won wage increases of $7 to $11 a week from the Iroquois, Schriber, Simmons and Phoenix breweries. They already had the 2-men-on-a-truck system that New York strikers are demanding.

The New York craftsmen, who officially joined the strike, include the AFL firemen and oilers, who are affiliated with the Operating Engineers Union, and the machinists in the International Association of Machinists, an independent organization.

The craftsmen had been respecting CIO brewery picket lines from the beginning of the strike. They joined the picket lines after receiving strike sanction from their international unions. They are demanding a 35-hour work week and safety and job security conditions similar to those asked by the CIO union.

Little Rheingold, Piel's, Ruppert's, Schaefer's and other struck beer is left in the taverns. New York drinkers are supplied with union beer from other cities, while the struggle against the big metropolitan breweries continues.

The New York State CIO asked affiliated unions last week to support the strike.

PROTEST LEGAL LYNCHING



FREEDOM FOR THE 'TRENTON 6,' the six Negroes who were sentenced to die in Trenton, N. J., for a crime which mountains of edivence show they did not commit, is demanded by New Yorkers at a mass meeting and sidewalk parade in the Bronx.

5,000 LOCKED-OUT BAKERS STAND FAST FOR 5-DAY WEEK

A new high in employer hypocrisy was chalked up this week as the Big Six bakery bosses followed the empty form of entering negotiations on the expiration of the old contract with AFL Bakers Local 50. It's hypocrisy because the employers locked out Local 50's 5,000 members, along with the drivers belonging to the AFL Teamsters, more than two months before the contract expired.

And they're still out with no signs of the companies—Purity, Continental, Ward, General, Drake and Grennan—giving in until the workers abandon any ideas of contract improvements and accept even worse conditions, especially speedup.

The arrogance of the companies, however, is causing them to miss the key fact in the picture, a fact that is upsetting the company plans. That is the fact that nine weeks of lockout have served only to strengthen the determination of the bakers to stay out now until they win new improvements—especially the five-day week, substantial wage increases, holiday and vacation improvements, health and pension plans.

And the fact that the lockout has played havoc with what was left of the meager earnings of the bakery workers has not weakened that determination. The workers employed by the big baking companies are the lowest-paid in the industry, averaging a little better than $40 for a six-day week.

On top of that relief from the union's New York joint board and from the international has begun only in the past three weeks—relief which amounts to $6 a week.

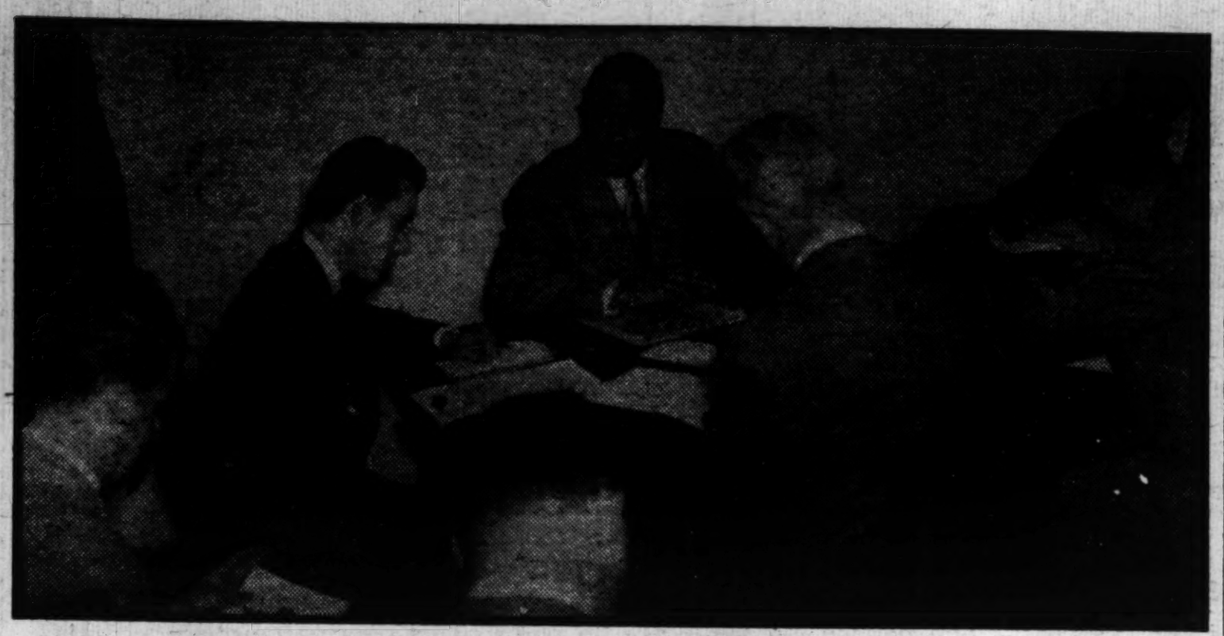
It's not their ability to hold out which concerns Local 50 men; it's the growing feeling that the union should supply more leadership to change the lockout into a real all-out strike, to rally the men, to keep them constantly posted on the situation. Nine weeks of lockout, yet not one mass rally, no meetings to discuss new contract terms, no bulletins, no steps taken to organize financial and other support from the rest of the labor movement and from other organizations, as, for example, the CIO Brewery strikers have done.

"We're working for these things," a veteran bakery unionist of 22 years standing told us. "We need them. But in the meanwhile we're working on our own to keep the ranks solid and see to it that the companies don't get away with murder."

"It's not likely," he added, "that we're going back this time without the five-day week."



RESIDENTS of South Side Negro community kneeling in prayer outside City Hall in protest against being driven from the area to make way for jimcrow New York Life Insurance housing project. Hundreds picketed City Hall and crowded City Council chambers but city fathers gave go-ahead signal to jimcrow project.



Councilman Davis announcing his candidacy at a City Hall press conference.

Ben Davis to Run For Re-Election

Communist Councilman Benjamin J. Davis yesterday announced his candidacy for reelection. The Negro leader said that his campaign in the 21st State Senatorial District would "serve as a coalition" for all progressive voters "irrespective of party label." Davis made his statement at a press conference in the City Council Minority Room during the lunch hour intermission of the government's heresy trial against Davis and 11 other Communist leaders.

The text of Councilman Davis' statement appears on page 20.

The appeals that he continue fighting in the council for the "interests of the people of Harlem and the working people as a whole," he said, have come from Republicans, Democrats, Communists and American Laborites, "both Negro and white."

Reporters asked him whether he expected to receive the American Labor Party endorsement.

"The endorsement is something only the ALP can determine," Davis replied. "In the City Council and during the previous elections I always had the policy of working with all progressives of all parties, Democrat, Republican, Communist, American Labor."

A reporter asked whether it "wasn't true" that his support would be hurt by the present trial. Davis replied: "The number of requests I have received from Negro, labor and progressive forces indicate a desire that I continue the work I started in the City Council, and these forces will not permit the heresy trial to determine their choice of candidate."

"What about your eligibility to hold office if the court rules you guilty"? the same reporter insisted.

"In the event of a conviction, it would mean essentially the outlawing of the Communist Party in this city and the country," Davis said. "The consequences of such a decision would be far more devastating and sinister than any local campaign. It would mean the twilight of American liberty."

A representative from the Negro press asked Davis whether he or the Communist Party would support Negro candidates of other political parties.

"My party will play a major role in electing Negroes to the City Council from other sections regardless of party," Davis responded, "depending on their program, their stand on civil rights, peace, housing and all other issues affecting the welfare of the people—Negro and white."

Asked to comment on the latest government witness—a Negro ex-Communist woman—against the Communist leaders at the Foley Square trial, Davis said:

"In the past, all of the stool-pigeons and FBI agents have been male, and now they found a female."

Peace Fight Keys May Day March

New York workers will pour down Eighth Avenue to Union Square this Saturday in the biggest May Day tide in the city's history, it was indicated by the reports from participating unions.

War veterans, AFL, CIO and independent unionists, many thousands of members of fraternal and tenants organization and artists and writers and actors will march with colorful and dramatic floats telling the story of the struggles of the people today.

Several dozen bands will provide the marching music for the 200 organizations taking part in the great parade.

"This will be the most colorful May Day parade since the first great May Day demonstration in 1886," predicted Sam Weisman, executive director of the United Labor and Peoples Committee for May Day.

Huge life-like figures of William Z. Foster, Eugene Dennis and the 10 other Communist leaders, who are being framed by the Federal Court, will be borne by the marchers.

The story of the fight to save the six Trenton Negro boys, waiting execution, in the death chamber, will also be told in other stirring floats. And the sad and dignified figure of Mrs. Ingram, who is suffering a living death in the Georgia prison, will be presented.

Giant effigies of the warmongers, who set up the Atlantic Pact in preparaton for the bloodbath they invision, will also be carried.

AND LABOR'S FIGHT to crush the plot to continue the fascist Taft-Hartley law will be dramatically depicted by the May Day Committee's artists.

The official line of march in Saturday's May Day parade appears on Page 22.

American Chinese workers will join other May Day marchers in celebrating the magnificent victories of the Chinese liberation armies that are sweeping their native land free of the fascists and landlords.

Japanese Americans will also march in the Far Eastern continent of the great May Day procession.

Weisman commented on the cold response of New Yorkers to the anti-May Day parade held on Fifth Ave. last year.

The warmongers are staging another anti-May Day parade on Fifth Avenue again this Saturday with the help of discredited fascists from Europe, some veterans' leaders and members of a church hierachy, and afew reactionary labor leaders and President Truman's Secretary of Labor.

The war parade will march under the windows of the millionaires of Fifth Ave., while the peace forces march through the working-class streets of the West Side.

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Leaders of Communist Party Greet Working Class on May Day, 1949

The National Committee of the Communist Party this week issued its May Day greetings to the working people of America. The complete statement follows:

To the working men and women of America—May Day greetings from the Communist Party!

On this May Day, new and terrible dangers beset the American workers and people.

The "cold war" has entered a new phase—the phase of Wall Street's advanced military preparations for war against the Soviet Union, the phase of the North Atlantic war alliance whose ratification would wreck the United Nations peace charter and lead to world war.

The growth of fascism in the United States has been undermining the Bill of Rights. Now every democratic right is threatened with destruction.

Mounting unemployment and part-time employment are taking a heavy toll of our living standards. The developing new economic crisis menaces our people with catastrophe.

Never before was there such need for the working people of our country and of the world to strengthen their unity, their capacity for united and effective action.

American labor has long kept May Day as a day for demonstrating its will to united struggle. Workers of all lands have dedicated this day to international working class solidarity. This May Day the will to struggle is rising among the American workers, and the world camp of peace, democracy, progress and socialism grows stronger and more effective everywhere.

The forces of labor and the people can win—if they organize, unite and struggle against monopoly in the spirit of May Day's great tradition! Act together now to stop Wall Street's drive to war and fascism!

LIVING STANDARDS

Negro and white workers, trade unionists, employed and unemployed workers, women and young workers—what is happening to our living standards in this rich land? Our just wage demands are rejected, speed-up increases, mass layoffs mount—while the giant trusts pile up ever more gigantic profits.

Our taxes bolster European reaction instead of building American homes. We need more social security, more hospitals, more schools—but the wealth we produce is used to stockpile atom bombs and buy weapons of mass destruction and death.

The "cold war" promoted by the Truman Administration and the GOP is preparing total disaster for our people. How will we defend ourselves—if not in united action against the "cold war" profiteers?

Act together—now—to gain substantial wage increases, end speedup, win equal job opportunities and wages for the Negro workers, provide for the needs of the unemployed!

Oppose the war appropriations—increase the funds for social services! Tax the monopolists and multi-millionaires—make them pay for the economic crisis their war policy is deepening! Strengthen the united action of Negro and white workers, trade unionists and unemployed workers, of all progressives, non-Communists and Communists!

DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS

Workers and working farmers, sons and daughters of the Negro people, Americans of the national groups, professionals who serve the people—what is happening to our democratic rights, to the legacy of Jefferson and Lincoln?

Truman and the GOP have shelved Taft-Hartley repeal and civil rights legislation. Those who are in a hurry to rush through the North Atlantic war pact filibuster against polltax repeal. Those who want to launch a "preventive" atomic war do nothing to prevent lynching.

The "cold war" is war against the Bill of Rights and the trade unions and all people's organizations. It is thought control, imprisonment without bail, increased violence against the masses of the national groups.

Sixty-three years ago, May Day was baptized in the blood of the framed Chicago Haymarket Martyrs, who led American labor's united struggle for the eight-hour day. This year, a more desperate frameup is in the making in the political heresy trial of the 12 Communist leaders.

The Wall Street monopolies and their government are determined to outlaw the Communist Party, the leader of the people's struggles of today. In the courts, the Congress, the state legislatures, the drive to outlaw the Communist Party is advancing the rise of a police state. In the streets, the anti-Communists, the Ku Klux Klan, reactionary leaders of the American Legion and the Catholic War Veterans are inciting fascist violence against those who work for peace and democracy.

How will we defend the democratic rights of the American people—if not in united struggle to stop this Wall Street drive toward fascist dictatorship? How will we defend our trade union rights—if not in united struggle against the betrayals of the reactionary trade union officials who cannot fight Taft-Hartleyism because they are Wall Street's accomplices in the "cold war?"

Act together—NOW—to check the growth of fascism and preserve the Bill of Rights! Unite labor and all progressives in militant action for repeal of the Taft-Hartley slave law and restoration of the Wagner Labor Relations Act! Defend the right of the Negro people to full economic, political and social equality!

Defend the trade unions and all people's organizations! Defeat the conspiracy to outlaw the Communist Party!

RIGHT TO ADVOCATE CHANGE

We progressive Americans, non-Communists and Communists, are children of a land that once opened new frontiers of social progress. What of our right to advocate social changes and work for social progress—what of our future?

How will the American peo-

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Berlin and Nanking

An Editorial

THE SMALL CLIQUE of men in Washington and Wall Street who want war are having their troubles.

First, the poeple of China, at long last, take over their own country. They will own it themselves, and run it for their own benefit. They will make it forever impossible for the "cold war" crowd to use China as a war base against the Soviet Union or the peoples of Asia. China's 450,000,000 people are joining the world camp of peace, democracy and Socialism.

This makes it tougher for the war-makers to plot their criminal war.

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ON TOP OF THAT, the Soviet Union again makes a bid for a peace settlement so reasonable that it is very difficult for the "cold war" State Department to refuse it.

The Soviet Union has offered to lift the so-called Berlin blockade (which was provoked by the illegal dumping of new allied currency into that city without consulting the Soviet Union).

All that the Soviet Union asks is that the Western powers resume their meetings with the Soviet Union to work out a German settlement.

The Soviet Union wants to talk peace.

Its offer comes just as General Clay boldly announces to the world that he considers a revived Western Germany as the bulwark of the plan to "stop Communism." This Western Germany is being turned back to Hitler's most ardently pro-Nazi supporters. Its war industry is being given a green light. Its Nazi generals are back in the good graces of the American Military government.

But the Soviet Union refuses to accept the "inevitable war" hoax. It sues for peace talks. It is speaking for peace-loving men and women everywhere, who will hail its new peace move. China and the Soviet Union — two active, powerful nations working for peace. That is good news for us Americans who don't want our boys to die in an atomic war. Let us also join the fight.



Troops of the Chinese Liberation Army, bearing U. S.-made sub-machine guns, swing smartly southward.

Sees Sure Victory in China, Then Swift Industrialization

HONG KONG (Telepress).—"Our victory in China is of great historic importance not only for China but for the whole world because it considerably changes the relation of forces between the democratic and anti-democratic camps," declared Yen Pi-shih, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, speaking at the first all-Chinese congress of the new Democratic Youth in Peiping.

The basic defeat of the reactionary Kuomintang forces is the main feature of the present situation in China, and the Chinese revolution has a great meaning for the struggle of hundreds of millions of people in South Eastern Asia against imperialism, the speaker added.

The victory of the Chinese People's Army will be completed soon, Yen Pi-shih stated. After Japan's capitulation, when Chinese Kuomintang reaction supported by American imperialism started the civil war, the armed forces of the Kuomintang numbered 4,300,000. Within two years and nine months the People's Army had annihilated almost 3,000,000 Kuomintang troops. The Kuomintang forces have slimed down to 1,100,000 and less than 100,000 reserve troops.

In this period the Chinese Liberation Army has grown from 1,000,000 to 3,000,000, and its equipment now equals the best American equipment of the Kuomintang forces.

THE PEOPLE'S ARMY has liberated an area of 2,600,000 square kilometers, which is 27 percent of the entire Chinese territory. The liberated areas include the whole of Manchuria and practically all the territory north of the middle and lower parts of the Yangtze River with its over 200,000,000 inhabitants.

In an area inhabitated by more than 100,000,000 people, far-reaching land reform has been carried out, Yen Pi-shih stated. The liberated areas contain important centers of heavy and light industry and basic raw materials including coal, iron, cotton, timber, grain, salt and oil.

The Communist Party of China has 3,000,000 members in the liberated areas, Yen Pi-shih added. Millions of citizens are members of mass organizations of workers, youth and women. Never before has the Kuomintang and American imperialism been so completely isolated from the Chinese people as now. No amount of American help can save the Kuomintang regime, the speaker said.

THE PRIMARY TASK which faces the Chinese people now is the final defeat of the Kuomintang armies and the breaking up of its reactionary apparatus. This aim will be achieved, Yen Pi-shih explained, for the Liberation Army can annihilate the remainder of the Kuomintang forces within six months or one year.

After final victory has been reached, the central government of the new democratic state must be formed and the unification of the whole of China realized. In the words of Mao Tse-tung, victory is only the first step; when the broad development of the Chinese economy has started, when China is transformed from an agricultural country to a country with developed industry, becoming economically independent of other countries—only then can the question of the independence and sovereignty of China be ultimately solved.

"To make China economically independent, we must not only rebuild her destroyed industries within three to five years, but we must, by means of planning, raise the part of industry in the whole Chinese economy from its present place of 10 percent to 30 or 40 percent within the 10 to 15 years," Yen Pi-shih staetd.

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THE PEOPLE'S living standard can be raised and an alliance between the workers and peasants achieved only through the industrialization of China, in which the towns will play a leading role in relation to the countryside. This will create the basis for the building of socialism. The period in which the main stress was on the work in the countryside is over and a new period has started in which the focus of work is transferred to the towns, which must lead the countryside. However, the work in the countryside must not be neglected and work in both towns and countryside must be coordinated.

Liberation Armies Executing Mao Tze-tung's Order of Day

NANKING, China.—The people of fast-shrinking Kuomintang-held China are carrying out the radioed instructions of Communist leaders Mao Tze-tung and Chu Teh to give "every assistance" to the advancing People's Liberation Armies and to maintain order until they arrive.

With Nanking liberated, the Kuomintang government in flight to Canton and the offensive which began last Wednesday continuing with undiminished success, People's Liberation Armies moved to close in on 700,000 Kuomintang troops, half at Shanghai and half at Hankow in Central China.

As the epic significance of the Chinese people's victories first began to sink into the consciousness of the capitalist world's policy-makers and editorial-writers, the People's Liberation Armies continued to advance across the face of China in keeping with the now-historic Order of the Day of Mao Tzt-tung and Chu Teh.

That order told the Chinese people's soldiers:

- **Advance boldly; resolutely, thoroughly, wholly and completely annihilate all the Kuomintang reactionaries in China who dare to resist; liberate the people of the whole country and defend the independence and integrity of Chinese territory and sovereignty.**
- **Advance boldly and arrest all diehard war criminals. Arrest and bring them to justice and punish them according to law no matter where they flee to. Pay special attention to the arrest of their ringleader—Chiang Kai-shek.**
- **Bring the final amended version of the agreement on domestic peace to the notice of all Kuomintang local governments with those who are willing to cease fighting and solve the nation's problems by peaceful means according to the general sense of the final amended version.**

Foster Wins Right to Testify in Trial

By Harry Raymond

Judge Harold R. Medina suddenly announced last week he had reversed his decision barring introduction of written testimony by Communist Party Chairman William Z. Foster in the trial of the party's 11 national leaders. He said he would allow attorneys for the defense to submit a series of written questions they desired to be put to Foster. The questions, he added, must be submitted not later than next Tuesday.

The judge's reversal and his new determination on the question of the important Foster testimony was announced at the opening of last Tuesday's court session, while Prosecutor John F. X. McGohey was conducting his motley parade of anti-labor spies to the witness stand to recite police-inspired conceptions of Communist Party policies.

The 11 Communists on trial personally petitioned Judge Medina on March 8 to permit the jury to hear Foster's testimony, which they proposed should be taken by deposition at his bedside where he is confined with a serious heart ailment. McGohey opposed the petition and a motion to the same effect by defense counsel, stating the motion should have been made earlier. The judge ruled in favor of McGohey and said he would hear no further argument on the matter.

BUT FOSTER intervened himself. In a militant letter to the judge on April 12 he demanded he be permitted to present his deposition in court to refute the fascist

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Trial of the Communists

Medina Doesn't Like Laughter

When Charles Nicodemus, an anti-labor spy, was arrested in Pittsburgh, January, 1948, with his lady friend, Mrs. Louise Trail, and indicted for prowling around the town with two loaded pistols, he rushed to the FBI and sought help. The FBI, combing the underworld at that time for characters to be presented as witnesses against the Communist Party, welcomed the gun-toter. Nicodemus dreamed up a fascist shocker in which Albert Lannon, Maryland Communist leader at the time, was pictured as outlining a mythical Red Army invasion of Alaska, Canada and Detroit.



JUDGE MEDINA

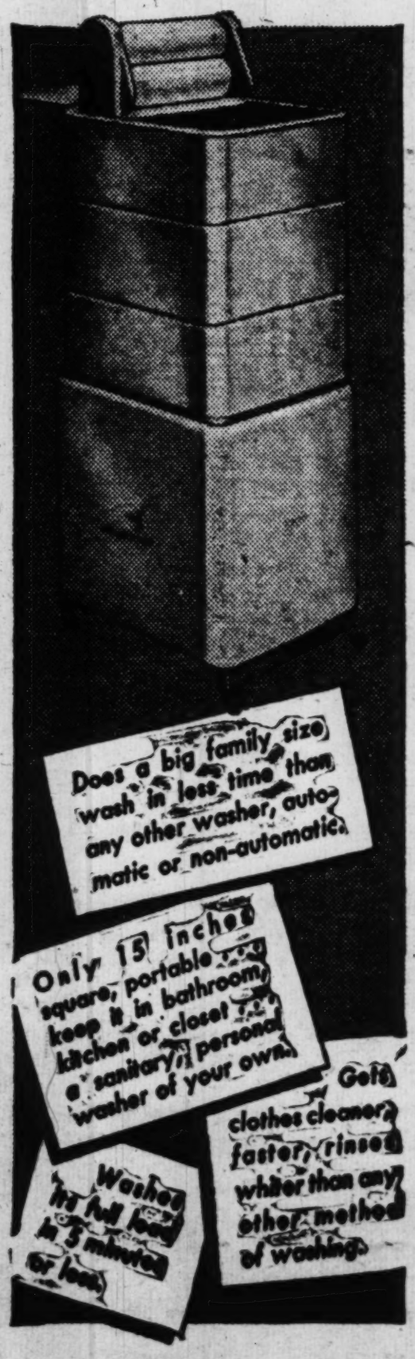
Nicodemus told the FBI the story. He pleaded guilty to the gun rap. The whole thing was mysteriously fixed and he was turned loose. He appeared as a witness in the trial of the Communist leaders, apparently to repay the FBI for the nice fix in the gun rap, and retold the tale. It was so ludicrous that both courtroom spectators and the Communist defendants greeted it with a spontaneous outburst of sceptical smiles and laughter.

Judge Harold R. Medina, trial

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The Worker Washington Bureau

APOLOGIES MADE UP FOR RISE IN UNEMPLOYMENT

WASHINGTON.—The Bureau of Labor Statistics was busier than a bunch of Congressmen apologizing for their record last week. The bureau sought to explain away its cold statistics marking the rapid rise of unemployment and decline of wages paid to factory workers.

The figures revealed that factory wages dropped $1 last month, while employment dropped by 150,000. "The spring upturn may be postponed until April," BLS Director Ewan Clague guessed. A few days later, the bureau reported that the cost of living moved up again, reversing a slight downward trend over the past few months.

The BLS followed up its pessimistic statistics with a glowing 140-page booklet titled "The Gift of Freedom," which described the high U. S. standards of wages and employment for European workers. It was written by the bureau for the State Department to "sell" the American way of life to Europeans.

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UN-AMERICANS GUN FOR ANY WHO DEFEND PEACE

The Trumanized House Un-American Committee opened up its 1949 witch-hunt this week with an attack on the American Slav Congress. A former official of the Slav Congress who left the organization in a huff after it endorsed Franklin D. Roosevelt for President in 1944, was the committee's first friendly witness. A week before that, the committee unleashed an attack on sponsors of the Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace held in New York City earlier. In its booklet, the committee condemned all efforts for peace.

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BILL CLEARS WAY FOR WHOLESALE DEPORTATIONS

Sen. Pat McCarran (D-Nev) dropped a bill into the Senate hopper to give the Department of Justice a free hand in deporting progressives. The bill authorizes deportation of "subversive aliens." Sen. Harry Cain (R-Wash), co-sponsoring the measure, told the Senators that such "subversives" as movie actor and producer Charlie Chaplin could be thrown out of the country under the bill. Coincidentally, Sen. Allan J. Ellender (D-La) introduced a bill to prohibit picketing in front of courts. Both bills are in the Senate Judiciary Committee.



SEN. ELLENDER

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ADMINISTRATION HAGGLES OVER LOW WAGE MINIMUMS

The Senate Labor Committee concluded hearings on minimum wage legislation without revealing at what level it thinks Congress should set a floor under hourly wages. Although President Truman recommended that the minimum be raised from 40 to 75 cents an hour, prominent Democrats including Sen. J. William Fullbright of Arkansas argued for 60 cents. He claimed a higher minimum would "wreck" southern economy. Most labor representatives have demanded a minimum of $1 an hour.



SEN. FULLBRIGHT

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POWER GROUPS GANG UP AGAINST HEALTH CARE

The administration's omnibus health bill, introduced in the House and Senate on Monday is facing the opposition of one of the most powerful lobbies operating on Capitol Hill. Pledged to the defeat of the measure are the American Medical Association, the American Dental Association, the American Hospital Association, the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, Chamber of Commerce, American Legion, Southern States Industrial Council, National Catholic Welfare Conference, National Conference of Catholic Cahrities and the Catholic Hospital Association.

Supporting the bill are the CIO, AFL, the railway labor organizations and the Committee on the Nation's Health.

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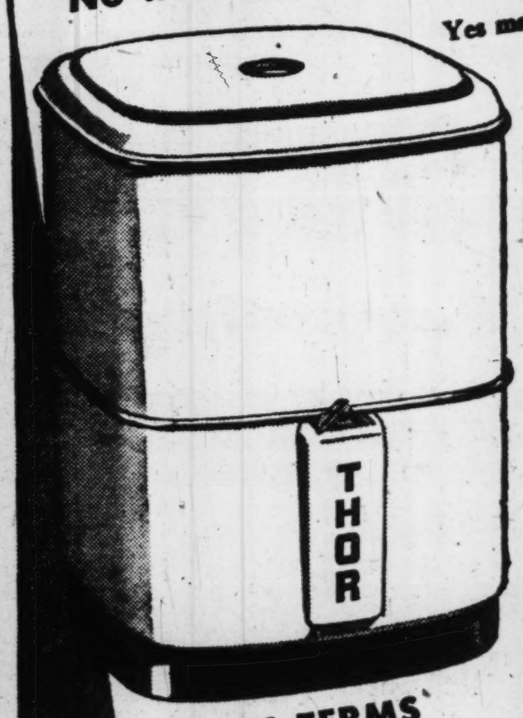
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SOVIET UNION CHIEF RIDICULES SLAVE LABOR' SLANDER

MOSCOW. — Opening the first post-war congress of Soviet unions, Vassily Kuznetsov denounced as "vicious slander" the claims of AFL leaders that there is slave labor in Russia. The Soviet labor leader also assailed rightwing CIO and British union chiefs for seeking to "disrupt and destroy" the World Federation of Trade Unions. But the WFTU "exists and is growing," he told the congress attended by fraternal delegates from 21 nations.

STATE DEP'T PRIME MOVER OF MINDSZENTY PROVOCATION

LAKE SUCCESS. — The U. S. bloc pushed through the United Nations Assembly a resolution to put the trials of Cardinal Mindszenty and 15 Bulgarian Protestant clerics jailed as spies on the Assembly's agenda. The vote was 34 to 6, with 11 abstentions. One provision of the resolution recommends withholding of any UN action pending on the question of efforts to utilize the peace treaties with Hungary and Bulgaria.

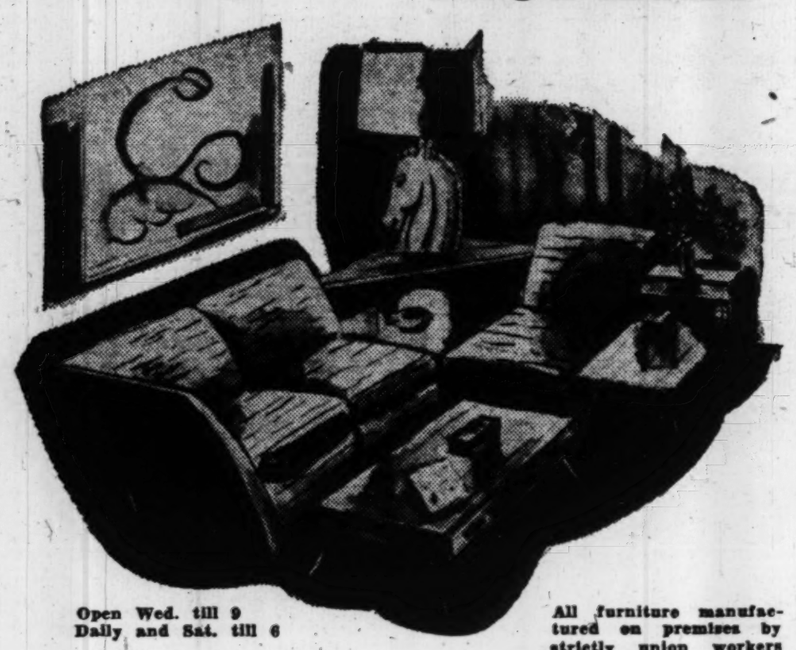
TRUMAN WANTS BILLION MORE FOR ANTI-SOVIET REGIMES

WASHINGTON.—Another billion dollar handout for anti-democratic regimes and war was demanded by the Truman administration when Secretary of State Acheson laid before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee recommendations for $1,400, 0 0 0,-000 to go to Greece, Turkey and South Korea and all the 11 signers of the North Atlantic Pact.



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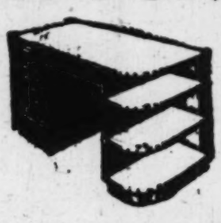


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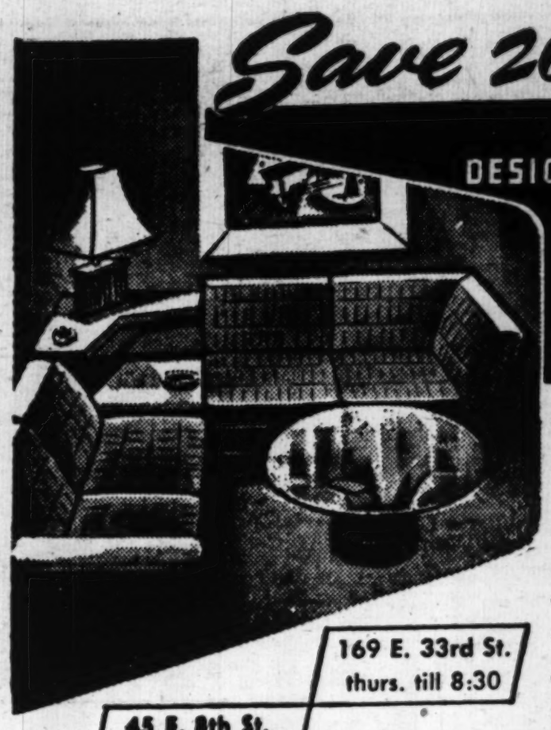
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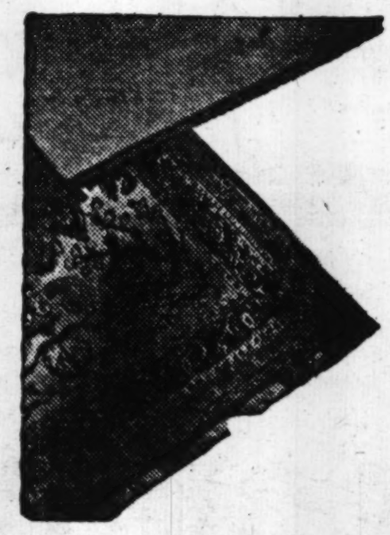
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Army Brass, Arms Firms See Pact Orders as Graft Bonanza

By Mel Fiske

WASHINGTON.—Officials in the national defense establishment and Congress are tightening up the lid of secrecy in the armed forces to keep the story of operation graft from exploding in the faces of the American people. The sordid story of operation graft, being conducted on a scandalous scale by the brass hats in the armed forces and munitions makers, was first hinted at by ex-President Herbert Hoover several weeks ago.

Since that time, there have been some major changes in the armed forces. A week after issuing a statement that affirmed Hoover's accusations while attempting to deny the charges of padding the expenses of the army, Secretary of the Army Kenneth Royall was removed from his job.

The new secretary of the national military establishment, Louis Johnson, agreed with Hoover's criticism of "scandalous waste" in the armed forces and redoubled his efforts to clean out the Pentagon and polish up some of its brass hats.

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THIS EXTENSIVE housecleaning was being met in Congress with studied indifference. Reluctant to dig into the vast armed forces porkbarrel that Hoover exposed, Congressmen are sitting tight, hoping that pressure is not built up to force an investigation.

With the announcement by Secretary of State Dean Acheson that $1,130,000,000 was scheduled to be spent to furnish arms to the North Atlantic Pact nations, Greece, Turkey and South Korea, another pork barrel was rolled on the scene.

Munitions makers and brass hats are supporting Acheson's proposal. The munitions makers see more billions in profits arising out of shipments in arms to the 14 nations. The brass hats see another chance to get their cut.

Hoover estimated that about $1,500,000,000 was being "wasted" by the Army, Navy, and Air Forces every year. The three armed forces were given $13 billion to spend last year. This year the amount as requested in the budget goes to $16 billion. Another billion and a half is being sought for atom bomb plants. Acheson's request for $1,130,000,000, and the estimated billion alloted under the Marshall Plan for arms and munitions, indicates how big a military pork barrel there is.

Acheson told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that his request for money to buy and ship arms to be used against the Soviet Union was only the first installment. Guesses on what later installments would cost ranged from $15 billion up to $20 billion to be spent within the next three years.

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THE ARMED FORCES system of letting contracts for war materials permits price padding and under the table cash returns from war contractors to the brass hats, Hoover intimated. That time worn method of grafting may even be going on now, he hinted.

But munitions makers have perfected the operation of graft to such an extent that they do not require under the table deals. Their men are now heading up the numerous war planning councils that President Truman established. These men suggest war materials that are to be purchased. They make certain that their corporations get the contracts, and the corporations, in turn, deposit some "dividends" in bank accounts for them.

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Communist Party Leaders Greet Working Class on May Day

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ple defend their right to pioneer in the "pursuit of happiness"—if not in united struggle against the economic royalists and warmongers who would make it heresy to believe in the principles of scientific socialism, and to teach the world-liberating principles of Marxism-Leninism? How will American workers defend the right to work for progress—if not in the united struggle against the reactionary trade union officials and right-wing "Socialists" like Green, Murray, Reuther, Dubinsky, who mislead and deceive the people while reaction turns the clock back?

Defend the right to work for progress by uniting to defeat the frameup of the Communist leaders! Defend the right to learn about socialism, the system that abolishes man's exploitation of man and will forever end the threat of economic crisis, reaction, fascism and war!

Working men and women, peace-loving Americans! The war is being prepared—but World War III is not inevitable, and it is not treason to unite for peace!

On this May Day the war drums beat in Wall Street and Washington. But only Wall Street's quislings in Western Europe and their servants in the United States respond. Wherever workers and plain people gather, the appeal is to solidarity, the call to united struggle for peace, as in the Paris World Peace Conference.

The threat of war does not come from countries whose governments are headed by the working class and its Communist leaders, and truly represent the majority of the people. Peace flies on the banners of the mighty Soviet Union, which is ready to settle all differences peacefully. The call to united action for peace sounds from the new people's democracies of eastern Europe, thunders in the victorious march of the people's armies of the new China, grows louder in England, France and Italy, and rallies the national liberation movements of the colonial world.

It is those who threaten our living standards, our democratic rights, our social progress who threaten the independence of nations and the peace of the world. How will we defend the peace—our lives and the lives of our children—if not in united struggle against the war-making American trusts? How will we struggle successfully for peace, if not in friendship and solidarity with the great and growing movement of the peace-loving peoples which this May Day demonstrates its strength throughout the world?

Stop Wall Street's drive to World War III—Build the unity of all who struggle for peace, at home and abroad!

Defeat the North Atlantic war pact!—make a pact of peace and friendship with the Soviet Union!

Check the rise of fascism—defend the Bill of Rights!

Repeal Taft-Hartley—restore the Wagner Act!

Secure equal rights for the Negro people! End Jimcrow! Make lynching a capital crime punishable by death!

Outlaw anti-Semitism and all forms of discrimination!

Defeat the frameup of the Communist Party and leaders!

Make the monopolists pay for the developing economic crisis!

Protect the living standards of labor and the people!

Hail the world-liberating teachings of Marxism-Leninism, the principles of socialism!

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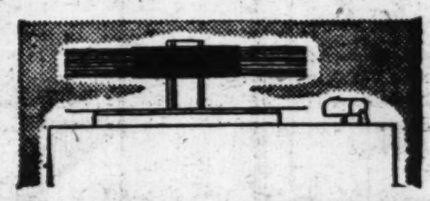


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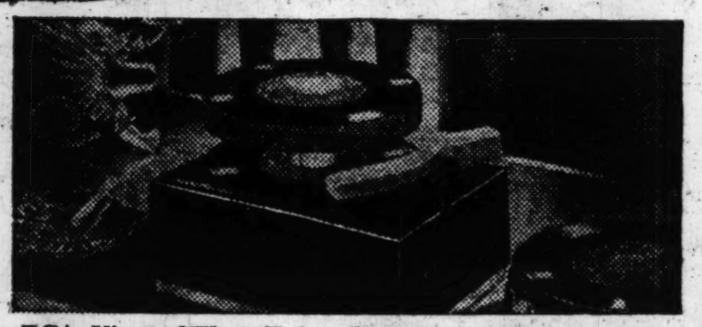
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Atlantic Pact and The Slums of D.C.

By Joseph Starobin

Did you see that photo in the papers—the five Senators exploring the slums that lie within a stone's throw of the United States Capitol? It was a week ago Wednesday, one of those photos that describe things better than books, the prize photos that tell a hundred years of history. There they were, the two Negro women, standing with folded arms in front of the shacks, and there were the five Senators, discovering America.

"Pleasant Court" is the name of one alley. It boasts of an outdoor toilet among the garbage cans, and the Senators learned that a man froze to death in that privy last winter. Rooms not larger than 12 by 12 in which 10 people live—"if you can call that living," said a Senator. And the water comes from an outdoor faucet, alongside the rubbish and litter.

Negro and white Americans in their "home, sweet home," but mostly Negroes. And close to 15 million Americans, said the Senator, live in such slums in the year 1949. Not "Moscow propaganda," you understand, The Senator said to himself.

And then they proceeded to vote the housing bill. "Mr. Douglas conceded," said the news report, "that the Administration-supported measure . . . did not require that a like number of slum units be abolished (for every new house built) but he expressed the hope that the administration of the program would be in that direction."

The Senator hopes. The new houses may be built within six years, but the slums won't be cleared. For the Americans who live in the shadow of the United States Capitol don't have the jobs or the wages for new housing. And Negro citizens can't live in most of them, anyhow. Jimcrow, that old American custom, which the Senators have done nothing about.

Just ponder this photo a minute. Exactly why should this solemn Negro girl in the frayed sweater be an enthusiastic supporter of the Atlantic Pact? Why, as Paul Robeson asked in Paris the other day, should her father, her husband, her boy friend, her children die for the sake of the slums?

How does Communism threaten her "way of life?" How, exactly how? By clearing the slums of Europe and Asia, by abolishing racial discrimination? Is that why she is "threatened?"

And is Attorney General Tom Clark "saving this girl from Communism" by putting 11 American Communists on trial in New York? Are the Communists responsible for those slums in Washington, perhaps?

For the Senators have voted a billion and a quarter toward new housing. But they have appropriated more than 20 billions for guns and tanks and planes. The Negro woman in the frayed sweater did not ask the Senators why. She just stood there and watched the unexpected visitors, stood there with folded hands. The Senators came and went, and voted a bill which won't clear the slums, and then passed on to other business, like the Atlantic Pact.

"Virgil", a cartoon by Lon Klein, appears daily in the Daily Worker and in the weekend Worker.

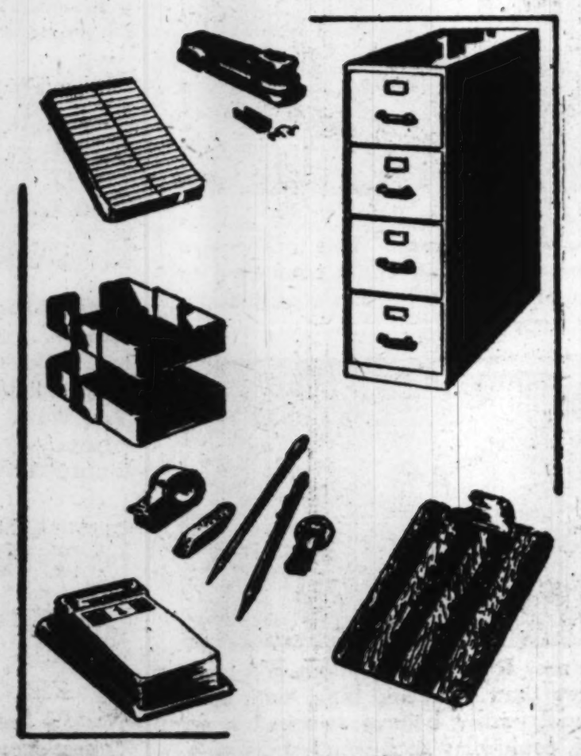
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Paris Congress Spurs Peace Drive Against War Forces

PARIS.—All reports and speeches made to the World Peace Congress gave high promise that a strong program of action will be carried back to the respective countries of the delegates.

One of the points submitted by a congress preparation committee called for the organization of "partisans for peace."

Pietro Nenni, Italian leftwing Socialist leader, in his opening speech emphasized that "we are not a congress of conscientious objectors but a world congress of fighters."

Dr. Frederick Joliot-Curie, French atomic energy high commissioner and chairman of the congress, also called for a "peace offensive against the forces of war."

Joliot-Curie is a member of the French Communist Party.

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OTHER POINTS discussed by 2,000 delegates were:

- The world armament race and how to curb it.
- Role of the United Nations in keeping peace.
- A counter offensive against the war propaganda.
- Respect for national sovereignty.
- The role of economic relations in keeping peace.
- The role of women and youth in the struggle for peace.

Delegates here considered it indicative of the peace sentiment existing among the people of U. S.'s immediate neighbors that Mexico is represented not only by Vicente Lombardo Toledano, president of the Latin American Federation of Labor but by former president of Mexico, Lazaro Cardenas. Cardenas is a vicepresident of the congress.

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THE BIGGEST OVATION of the congress went to Paul Robeson, noted Negro singer, who interrupted a European concert tour to come to the congress.

He sang "Joe Hill," a ballad of a labor hero murdered in a frame-up and related it to the case of the 12 Communist leaders who are currently on trial in New York.

He called upon the congress to send a message of support to the men on trial.

When it was reported that many delegates from Eastern Europe, the Soviet Union, and other countries, who had been refused visas by the French government to attend the congress, had organized a peace conference in Prague, a representative of the Paris meeting was dispatched to coordinate the efforts of the meetings.

An analysis of the Congress delegations showed a total of 2,005 members from 72 countries of whom 674 were workers, 316 farmers and landworkers, 405 intellectuals, including 73 artists, 103 lawyers, 62 writers, 31 scientists.

Even Paris, city of great people's demonstrations, has never seen anything like the scene at Buffalo Stadium last Sunday when an estimated 130,000 people packed every inch of the stadium field. At last five times that many lined the streets outside with peace banners, peace slogans and peace songs.

French Workers Won't Spy on Delegates

By Rhoda Miller

PARIS (Telepress). — The astounding demand made to the French Government by the United States Embassy here that microphones be installed in hotel rooms of delegates to the World Peace Congress to record private conversations for the State Department and FBI secret police files could not be carried out, I learn, because technicians to do this dirty job could not be found.

This is the only case, however, in which the French government has failed to oblige in every detail of the direction drawn up in Washington to restrict by every possible means the scope and activities of the great peace gathering which begins here tomorrow.

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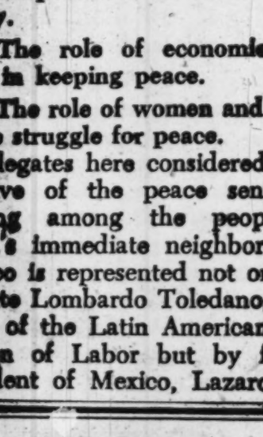
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Foster Will Speak

JUDGE MEDINA has finally agreed to let W. Z. Foster, chairman of the Communist Party, state his views in writing to the Court and jury.

Writing from a sick bed, Foster refused to be gagged, and insisted on the right to defend himself. His victory is a tribute to himself and the movement in his behalf. It shows that victories can be won.



FOSTER

The fact is that public opinion could not understand—and said so—why the Court refused the main defendant in the case—the chairman of the Party—the right to testify in writing after court physicians adjudged him too ill to appear in person.

The case of the prosecution was so clearly aimed at what Foster had said and done in the re-organization of the Communist Party in 1945 that the position taken by the Court became untenable.

Foster's 50-year record of devoted service to the American labor movement, his struggle for a Marxist-Leninist position of opposition to Big Capital during the days of Earl Browder's revisionist leadership, are vital elements in the defense.

As the Foley Square frame-up rolls on, the press continues to deceive the public in a manner seldom matched even in the rowdiest days of Hearstian "yellow journalism." Vital points of the defense are never reported. Stool-pigeon "evidence" is carefully played up — but the cross-examination which rips this hired "evidence" is suppressed.

The Court's systematic exclusion of vital material for the defense is never mentioned. The judge's angry remarks which indicate his belief that the defendants are guilty are glossed over, while every effort is made to depict the defendants as "persecuting" the judge.

But the truth will out. The public, from coast to coast, must get the facts. As it does, it will join the fight to halt this infamous effort to outlaw a political philosophy and its classic books.

Robeson Places the Issue

PAUL ROBESON, great Negro artist and leader, told the world that he did not believe that his fellow Negro-Americans support the plot to start another World War.

Robeson said that the Negro people wanted peace. They have no quarrel with the Soviet Union, which has outlawed all racial inequality and urges equality of all nations and races.



PAUL ROBESON

Robeson, we believe, was doing a patriotic service to his country and his people when he spoke these brave and honest words:

"It is unthinkable for myself and the Negro people to go to war in the interests of those who have oppressed us for generations."

There are certain leaders of the Negro people, like Walter White, who have rushed their angry replies to this stand. They claim that they are Americans, implying that Robeson is not. They pledge the Negro people's support to another World War.

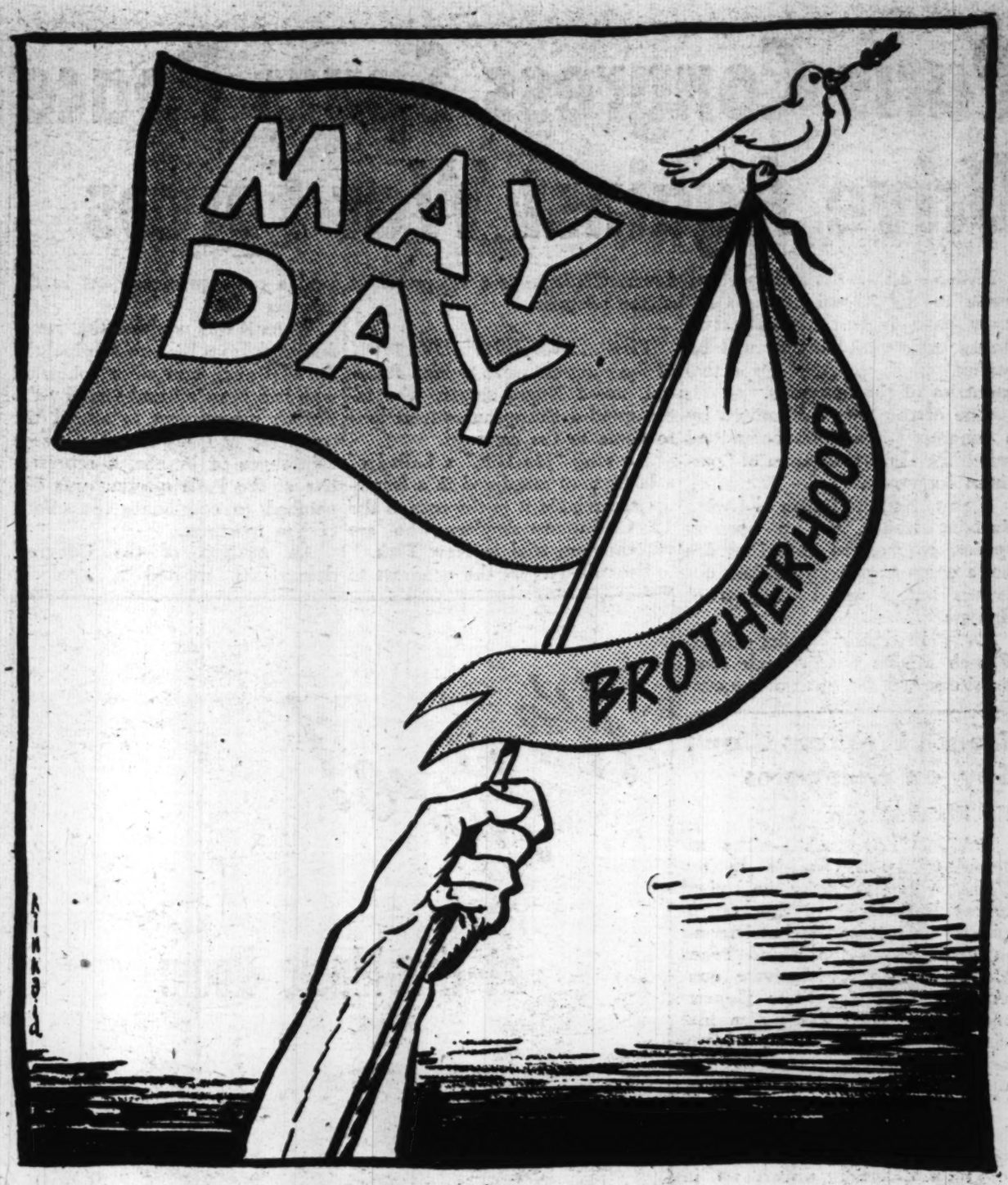
But, they dare not answer the real question at issue. **This is—why should the Negro people in our country shed their blood for a criminal war of aggression against the People's Democracies of Europe, the Socialist State of the U.S.S.R.? Why should they fight against the colonial peoples of Africa, China, etc.?**

It is not a question of "defending America" as these servants of the "cold war" clique falsely claim. The Negro people and Paul Robeson have shown that they know well how to defend America.

The war which the "cold war" clique is trying to provoke would not be a just war, but a criminal war against the peoples of Africa and Asia, no less than against the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

The members of the Atlantic War Pact are all slaveholders oppressing millions of Negroes in Africa.

Robeson calls for the freedom of these peoples; Max Yergan would replace the rule of the British by the rule of the Wall Street dollar. He could bring the KKK to Africa. Robeson's peace message shows him a great Negro leader and a great American.



Workers Abroad Send May Day Greetings

WORLD FEDERATION URGES UNITY IN FIGHT FOR PEACE

PARIS.

The World Federation of Trade Unions issued a May Day appeal to the international working class movement for the creation of a world front in the struggle for peace. The burden of wars and economic crisis will fall on the backs of the workers unless they succeed in staving it off by organized and united effort, said the appeal.

"We must organize our efforts and fight with all our resources for peace," the WFTU declared. "There must be created, in cooperation with all partisans of peace in all countries, a world front of struggle for peace against the warmongers. If the workers clearly express their determination to prevent war, and demonstrate their will to establish the necessary organization and unity, war can be avoided."

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FRENCH WORKERS SUFFER FROM MARSHALL PLAN

By Benoit Frachon,

General Secretary of the General Confederation of Labor

PARIS.

On the occasion of May Day, the French working class sends fraternal greetings to the workers of the United States.

The workers of France are engaged in severe struggle against the forces of reaction, and for the defense of their economic and social conditions. They are also engaged in an unceasing fight for peace.

In their battle, their foes are not only the capitalists and the rulers of France.

We must tell the workers of the United States that the rulers and big capitalists of their country support and even order the campaign of social regression and war launched against us.

They tell you that the Marshall Plan is a help to the people of Europe. They make you pay taxes and tell you it is to relieve the misery of our people.

In our country, the workers' conditions are continually getting worse, while the capitalists' profits are increasing.

They tell you the unions support the Marshall Plan. That is a complete lie. A handful of splitters, headed by Leon Jouhaux, who have three times split the French unions, support this plan.

All these lies are aimed to divide the workers of the world.

These splitters are trying, through such lies, in your country as in ours, to destroy the unity achieved in the WFTU.

As for us, we have no enemies among the workers. We believe that the workers of the world have the same interests, and that they ought to be united for their common defense, for progress, and for peace.

On this day which belongs to the world working class, we greet our brothers of the United States, and we are convinced we shall find them in the great international family—the WFTU.

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FILIPINO WORKERS LIST GRIEVANCES—PLEDGE FIGHT

MANILA, P.I.

By Amado V. Hernandez

National president of the Philippines Congress of Labor Organizations

There will be parades, mass meetings, popular programs and banquets this May Day. Workers, peasants, civil and public utility employes will pass resolutions supporting world peace, greeting the New China, opposing the North Atlantic and Pacific Military alliances, war bases in the Philippines and feeding of Japanese heavy industries with Philippines Island raw materials. We will also demand the repeal of the Bell Trade Act and Taft-Hartley law, the democratic solution of the Hukbalahap problem, and will condemn the Wall Street war maneuvers and the wholesale corruption of the Quirino administration.

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CZECH WORKERS PLAN DAY-LONG CELEBRATIONS

By Walter Vergeiner

PRAGUE.

The great May Day tradition will be continued this year when the working class is in power in Czechoslovakia for the second year. Center of the celebrations in Prague will be St. Wenceslas Square, where last year over three quarters of a million persons marched past the leaders of all parties.

This year's celebration will start on the eve of May Day when the workers will gather in the factories or squares of their districts to listen to the message on peace and working class solidarity. On May Day workers will join the mighty parade under the slogan of fulfilling the five year plan before time and "With President Gottwald to Socialism."

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ITALIAN WORKINGCLASS PLEDGES TO SAVE PEACE OF THE PEOPLE

By Giuseppe DiVittorio,

General Secretary of the General Confederation of Italian Labor

ROME.

Through its struggles and victories, the C.G.I.L. has strengthened itself. It is recognized as the sure bulwark for the defense of the workers' daily bread and rights, as well as for the defense of democratic liberties, peace and the national independence of Italy . . .

Our great C.G.I.L. is equal to its task. It, together with all the democratic forces of Italy, will break the reactionary offensive of the employers, will prevent Italy from becoming a colony of the American trusts, will realize new victories for labor and will save the democratic liberties and the peace of the Italian people.

World of Labor

What They Really Fear In the Communist Party

By George Morris

WHY IS THE REACTIONARY clack so frenzied against the Communists? Are Wall Street and its ideological dogs really fearful of a sudden replacement of capitalism by socialism? They wouldn't howl so loudly and continually if what they call the "menace of Communism" consisted of only the small percentage of Americans who have the intelligence and courage to join the Communist Party. We often hear it said by upholders of capitalism that Communism can not be defeated by screaming against it, that it is above all necessary to eliminate some of the most disagreeable features of capitalism like hunger and bad housing for millions, race discrimination and the constant threat of war and insecurity. But what has happened?



The promised postwar utopia under capitalism is turning into mass unemployment, short weeks, unprecedented speedup, declining purchasing power, deteriorating of housing and loss of such hard-won progressive laws like the Wagner Act.

Most Americans don't take much stock any more in the blueprints that promised a beautiful, everlasting postwar prosperity under capitalism based on a rising purchasing power of the low-incomed people.

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IT IS PRECISELY because capitalism cannot guarantee even the job and standard a worker has now that it has to resort to frenzied red-baiting and build up a "red" scapegoat. The capitalists who rule America are not fearful that the still small Communist Party might suddenly, or soon, bring socialism in the country. They know as well as we do that socialism never came anywhere unless a majority of the working class showed that it wanted it.

They fear the Communists for more immediate reasons—for their leadership in the IMMEDIATE struggle for peace, security and a decent living standard.

The watchdogs of capitalism wouldn't mind if the Communists confined themselves to perpetual discussion on the coming of socialism some day. They wouldn't even care if the talk was filled with nonsense about the Red Army "marching in through Alaska" and the rest of the lies we heard from government stools on the witness stand. What really worries them is the part the Communists play for the "overthrow" of a lot of seemingly smaller things RIGHT NOW!

It was the Communists in the big Ford Motor Co. Dearborn plant who started the ball rolling on the speedup issue. They initiated the "conspiracy" to flood the plant with leaflets and stickers urging the workers to do something now about man-killing speedup before it becomes intolerable. In doing so, the Communists drew the wrath of Walter Reuther and his fellow officers and of the company, of course. The campaign that caught on like wildfire among the workers spoiled the little game between Reuther and Henry Ford II who last year exchanged personal visits and pleasant salutations.

Only last January Reuther and company issued a statement to the membership declaring the speedup was an invention of the Communists and The Worker. But the Ford workers, knowing from wear and tear of their own bodies that the Communists are right, voted overwhelmingly to strike against speedup.

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THE LEADING trade magazine of the textile industry recently said "there ought to be open season on the Communists" and a "bounty for the pelts of such vicious animals." Was it because of the alleged fear of a "revolution"? Nothing of the kind. It was because of a pamphlet by Lawrence, Mass., Communists urging the workers to resist speedup and unsafe work.

Now the bulk of the entire manpower of this woolen center is unemployed with thousands actually near starvation. And the Communists began to organize the unemployed to demand a program to meet their needs. This time the press screamed with huge headlines on the "red plot" to incite the unemployed.

The Communists provide the main spark for resistance to capitalism's plan for a war economy paid for out of the sweat and wage envelopes of the workers—a plan which many top leaders of labor approve. This is why all the wrath reaction could rally is directed against the Communists and every conceivable obstacle is put to one's right to join the Communist Party.

But it is precisely because the Communist Party has been singled out by reaction for such vicious attack that many see in it the organization to join and support. Its enemies are also its badge of honor. No organization praised by Wall Street ever did much good for the workers.

CHINA'S MAY DAY — By Fred Ellis





By BARNARD RUBIN

The dollar-cultural invasion of Europe is now being subsidized officially with Marshall Plan money.

This money is being used to push the books of privately owned American publishing firms in Western Germany now, with other Marshall Plan-dominated countries soon to follow. The American concerns which have been awarded these ECA (Economic Cooperation Administration) contracts and the amounts of the investments are the Book Division of the Nassau Distributing Co., Inc., $200,000; the New American Library of World Literature, $100,000, and Pocket Books, $100,000.

In addition, the group of American publishers which is represented in Europe by Ben Russak has an ECA application pending, and the firm of Strechert-Hafner, which will represent Macmillan in Germany, has had its contract approved and is waiting for it to be signed in Washington. . . .



As reported here previously, the New York Herald Tribune has already been paid $160,000; Time, Inc., $156,700, and the Reader's Digest, $41,000 from Marshall Plan funds after the State Department "approved" their war-mongering foreign policy.

There go the boasts about the capitalists' "free press." . . .

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TOWN TALK

A recent issue of Henry Luce's Life magazine ran a ridiculous so-called analysis of "culture" in the U.S.A. Among the terms used in this ludicrous effort were "lowbrow," "middle-brow" and "highbrow."

This concern for culture never seems to extend to the Luce publications' employes who are notoriously underpaid. It was therefore inevitable that the Life article would draw a reaction from Luce employes, and the first to reach print with it were the workers of his and the Morgan outfit, Time, Inc., who in their bulletin gave out with the following:

THE BROWS UNITE

Three Time, Inc., employes sat at a table in a sawdusty cellar near Rockefeller Center. One of them lifted a foaming stein of beer. "Suds in your eye," said Mr. Lowbrow. The gentleman with the lofty forehead glumly lifted his glass of little, adequate red wine. "Salud," said Mr. Highbrow. Tears filled the eyes of the third man, who did not join in the toast. Poor Mr. Middlebrow couldn't afford a very dry Martini, with lemon peel.

Highbrow and Lowbrow looked sympathetic. "You know," said Highbrow diffidently, "this damned wine isn't really adequate. It's inadequate, no matter what Life says!"

Lowbrow nodded. "Sure," said he. "Maybe you think I wouldn't like to trade this brew for a bourbon-and-ginger!" Mr. Middlebrow dried his tears. "We have many different tastes," said he, "but we have one thing on common: we all need more money."

"C'est vrai," said Highbrow. "I must confess a certain embarrassment at the holes in the elbows of these chic old tweeds." Lowbrow looked bitter. "With a build like mine," he sighed, "you need a drape shape. Can I buy a drape shape? From burlap, maybe."

Middlebrow coughed discreetly.

"You have already witnessed my poverty, gentlemen," he said. "But let us not despair. There is a way." Highbrow and Lowbrow turned interested eyes on the speaker. "What, Mac?" said Lowbrow. "Qu'est ce que c'est?" inquired Highbrow.

"The Guild," was Middlebrow's reply. "A union?" said Highbrow, elevating his eyebrows halfway to his lofty hairline. "You have to pay dues," said Lowbrow, accusingly. Middlebrow smiled. "Yes," he said, "a union. One does pay dues. But they are only a tiny percentage of the additional money we can get by united action. And by the way, High, your right to ballot, Eames chairs and T. S. Eliot is fully protected. So is Low's desire for coleslaw, craps and woven shoes. The Guild doesn't even object to its members playing The Game. What the Guild does is make it possible for each of us to get what he wants."

Suddenly, Highbrow slapped the table. His friends were startled by this unsophisticated gesture, but Highbrow was plainly excited. "The cause of art perishes without patrons," he declaimed, "and what is a patron without money? Give me a Guild card!" Lowbrow chimed in. "You can't always count on craps to balance the budget," he said. Gimme a card, too." As they scribbled their names, Highbrow and Lowbrow exchanged glances. "Waiter!" bawled Lowbrow. "Garcon!" cried Highbrow. "Bring our friend a very dry Martini, with lemon peel. He has done us a great service here today."

As We See It

The Lofty Vision Of The Communist Party

By Milton Howard

THE COMMUNIST PARTY "is not an ordinary party," a big newspaper wrote in an ominous tone recently. It was commenting on the New York trial of the 12 Communist Party leaders. They face 10-20 years in jail because their ideas are not popular with the small minority which owns America's industries.

Naturally, their ideas are not popular with this minority. They advocate that the present private ownership of America's industries be replaced by a far higher form of democratic ownership in which labor and the nation will be the new owners.



Such a socialist ownership would use our present magnificent wealth and our genius for production to transform our present-day America into a land of such beauty, happiness, and cooperative creative achievement as we can hardly imagine. Our marvelous factories would hum for the benefit of each and every American family, not for the profits of a small owning class which is worried today by the insane and immoral notion of "overproduction."

Such is the lofty vision, the noble goal of the Communist Party.

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THERE WERE PARTIES of Socialism before. But they were not Marxist parties. They were not that "party of a new type" which Lenin said was needed to make possible the replacement of capitalism by the higher democracy and far greater efficiency of Socialism.

When the enemies of the Communist Party solemnly declare that it is not "an ordinary political party" they are stating an important truth about it. Their purpose is to imply that the Communist Party is not a political party at all, but a stupid and un-Marxist "conspiracy" which advocates that its members go haywire and "make a revolution" when they happen to feel like it, regardless of whether the majority of the country favors such a change or not.

The Communist Party not only could never advocate such jackass doctrines; it is the one party in America which genuinely opposes the political rule of minorities. It is that which fundamentally makes it something more than "an ordinary political party."

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WHAT IS A POLITICAL party anyway? At bottom all parties represent and express material, class, economic interests. What are the different material, economic, class interests in our country today? On the one hand, they are the economic interests of the class which owns the industries. On the other there are the interests of the class which doesn't—that is the working class and the millions of other Americans who sell their labor-power to private owners.

The Communist Party is the only party in the country which advocates that Labor must not only wrest as much as it can in wages, but must finally assume the ownership and governing of the country if the country is to abolish poverty, unemployment, boom-and-bust, and war.

All other parties take their stand with the capitalist system of private ownership (the Progressive Party deserves support because it stands for peace and for certain progressive measures to help the people). The GOP and the Democratic parties are merely different wings of the same minority group—the party of Wall Street

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WHAT MAKES the Communist Party a "party of a new type" is not that it is a "conspiracy" as the Government falsely charges through its bought-and-paid-for stoolpigeons, but that is a vanguard party which dedicates itself to educating and organizing the working people to move on to a higher social system.

Such a party does not and cannot confine itself to sticking its nose out every year or two to grab votes with false promises which are forgotten the day after election

Such a party conceives that it is its duty to organize the people in daily struggle for material benefits (wages, housing, schools, higher social security, shorter hours, equal rights for Negroes).

Such a party also seeks to educate the greatest number of Americans to the need for Socialism, and to an understanding of the social laws of development by which Socialism can be achieved by the entire people.

It is a great honor for an American to be a member of a party which so selflessly and courageously defends the immediate and ultimate interests of his country against the greedy few who now keep it from its true happiness and glory. They brand Communists criminals today just as they branded all noble movements of humanity, from early Christianity onward. But the American people will not be deceived forever.

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Foster Wins Right to Written Testimony in Trial

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falsifications of the Party, Marxism-Leninism and the struggle for a better world of Socialism, a struggle to which he has given 50 years of his life.

It was feared by his close friends that if the court continued to deny Foster the right to testify by deposition he would personally appear in court at the very risk of his life.

Party organizations throughout the country protested. Delegations from the trade unions and other workers groups visited the Judge's chambers to petition the judge to reverse the unprecedented ruling.

It was pointed out that Foster, who was indicted with the other party leaders, was the man who led the fight to reconstitute the party and establish it along Marxist-Leninist lines after Browder brought about its dissolution.

It was explained to the judge by the petitioners that the core of the charge leveled against the Communists was this fact of party reconstitution. Foster, it was charged, was actually being tried in absentia and the denial of the motion to present his deposition would have prevented America's leading Marxist from answering in open court the slanders heaped on him and the party by witnesses fished from the underworld of police informers.

"I have reached the conclusion on my own motion and without anybody else moving the matter before me," the Judge declared.

He said he would give the prosecution time to file objections to the written questions by the defense following their submission to the court Tuesday. After passing on the objections, he said he would permit the prosecution to file cross interrogations and then hear any defense objections.

He said he was "hopeful" that the attorneys "will cover the entire subject matter" of the examination in the first questions submitted.

"I do not, however, put that as an absolute condition," he added, explaining he may permit "supplemental questions" after the prosecution finishes presenting its testimony.

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THE JUDGE left unanswered an inquiry by Communist Party general secretary Eugene Dennis if the defense questions and Foster's answers will remain "property of the defense until the prosecution's case is concluded." To do otherwise, Dennis pointed out, would reveal the defense case to the prosecutor.

The prosecution, meanwhile, placed its eighth and ninth witnesses on the stand and continued the presentation of a weird caricature of the social science of Marxism.

Added to the list of anti-labor informers called to the witness stand by the prosecutor were Garfield Herron, a big grinning FBI stoolie from Little Rock, Ark. He said he had become an FBI informer in Chicago in 1948 and attended without distinction a few

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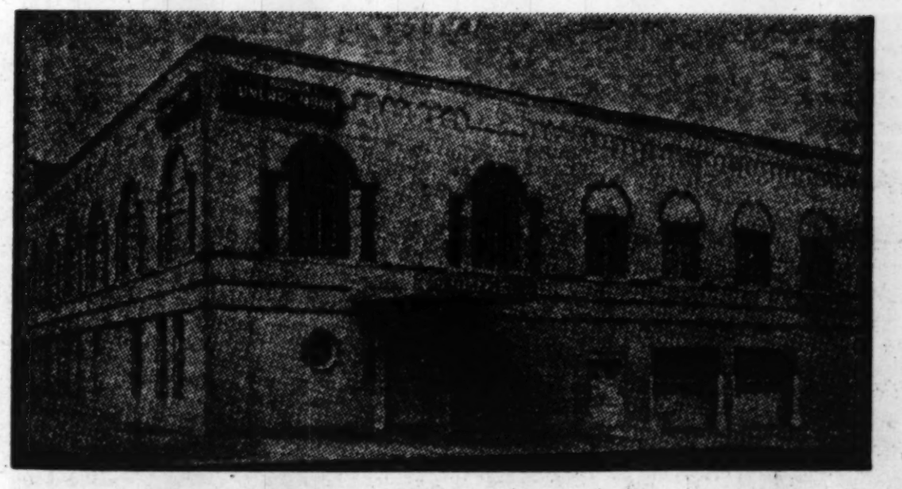
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BEN: Why, you'll pay less. You'll pay 7 cents a day same as I did when I was 25. Your rate won't reach 9 cents a day until you're 37 like I am now.

MAX: Then how does your IWO make any money on me?

BEN: We don't. We're offering you NON-PROFIT cooperative insurance.

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classes in a Communist Party school.

Herron identified a study outline that listed Marxist literature for students. The prosecutor read to the jury passages from one of the books, The History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. Conclusions of the authors that the Russian proletarian revolution would have been impossible without a "revolutionary party of the proletariat" and without a party that had mastered Marxism-Leninism were referred to by the prosecutor as "blueprinting" a mythical Communist putsch of "force and violence" in America.

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BUT THE VERY BOOK the prosecutor was reading from proved the falsity of this contention. The authors warned that Marxist-Leninist theory "must not be regarded as a collection of dogmas, as a symbol of faith and the Marxists themselves as pedants and dogmatists."

Following Herron to the stand was a woman who sand she was Miss Angela Calomiris, 9½ Jane St., New York City, a photographer. She too, confessed having enlisted in the FBI underworld of police spies. She admitted living a double life in the Midtown Section of the New York County Communist Party, reporting regularly to the federal police.

She also identified Communist Party educational outlines, books and other material that could have been secured at book stores or party headquarters for the mere payment of the sales price.

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WHILE WAITING for Miss Calomiris, also known as Angela Cole, to appear on the stand, Prosecutor McGohey read to an attentive jujry the complete text of the famous H. G. Wells 1934 interview with Joseph Stalin.

This, too, had its ideological drawbacks for the prosecutor for it refuted his police precinct explanation of Marxism as a system of "force and violence."

Wells also asked Stalin about the old charge that Marxists advocate force and violence. Stalin replied: ". . . everytime the people of the new world came into power, they had to defend themselves against attempts of the old to restore the old order by force; these people of the new world always had to be on the alert, always had to be ready to repel attaokes of the old world upon the new system."

Map Costa Rica Strike At United Fruit

SAN JOSE (ALN).—A series of strikes and strike threats have been reported from different parts of Costa Rica in connection with labor's campaign for better wages and conditions on plantations and docks owned by the U. S. United Fruit Co. The Costa Rican goyernment of dictator Jose Figueres is backing the company. It has outlawed the Costa Rican Federation of Labor anl jailed many of its leaders, including Seo. Gen. Carlos Luis Fallas.

Farmers Show Hostility to Atlantic Pact

Through its press and speakers, the National Farmers Union continues to oppose the North Atlantic Pact. The Farmers Union Herald, which reaches every patron of the vast Farmers Union cooperatives in the whole upper Mississippi and Missouri Valley is particularly vehement in its denunciation of the pact as leading us to the brink of war and undermining the United Nations.

The National Grange and Farm Bureau are thus far silent on the issue. Their previous support of the Marshall plan leaves little doubt that their leaders approve the Pact, but they have thought it best to maintain silence. This may indicate a widespread fear of this policy in the rural communities, which thus far is only expressed by the Farmers Union.

Even the Pew-owned Farm Journal, which usually is quite unrestrained in its reactionary views, treats the Atlantic Pact gingerly. It admits that the Pact will lead to our arming much of Europe, regretting that this will be "an expensive job."

British-Dutch Ships In India Rate War

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Judge Medina Doesn't Like Laughter

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jurist, didn't like this normal healthy reaction.

The following testimony and ensuing colloquy indicated the judge considered the laughter to be subversive:

Prosecutor Frank Gordon: All right, did you say anything?

Nicodemus: I did. I had a question in my mind and I asked (Albert) Lannon how the Soviet Union could possibly ever invade the United States without a navy and Lannon pointed out to me as had been pointed out before that the Red Army in Siberia numbered some hundreds of thousands and was a strong force and that the Russians were building air strips, whenever the time come with air support the Russians could invade Alaska down through Canada and they could even destroy Detroit.

Attorney Richard Gladstein: What was that?

The Court: They could even destroy Detroit, as I understood it. Did you say that?

The Witness: That is what I said.

The Court: Why all of the defendants are smiling broadly.

Defendant John Gates: Why certainly we are.

Defendant Irving Potash: Certainly we are.

The Court: We are getting back to that country club atmosphere again. Well, there isn't going to be any country club atmosphere in my court.

Gladstein: When a man hears something that is ludicrous and absurd to the extreme I suppose he is permitted the human reaction of a smile of contempt.

The Court: That to me is in the same line as some of the comments we have had in the past. It may seem very funny to the defendants. They seem to enjoy it, but I don't think it is, and their laughing is not going to have any effect.

Gladstein: This is the Federal Court. I had expected a serious and sober effort on the part of the Government, if it could, to prove the charge that has been made that a political doctrine advocates the overthrow of the United States. But instead of that we are being treated to one after another of these witnesses, persons giving the same type of story we have heard from Congressmen Rankin and J. Parnell Thomas.

The Court: Another little speech.

Gladstein: That is what we get. Your Honor asked why people are smiling, but there is an irony to it.

The Court: I had occasion to put a stop to some of that before. I am familiar with the practice in criminal cases of trying to laugh something off, and I am not going to have anything but order in my court. When the defendants get hilarious and start laughing and smiling and that sort of thing it is going to be stopped. You can put that in your book.

Gladstein: I would like the record to show that there was no hilarity on the part of any defendant.

The Court: I saw it and it is noted, and your denial doesn't change it.

Gordon: Why the defendant John Gates said certainly he was laughing.

Defendant Gates: Do I understand that you are now forbidding me to smile?

The Court: No, I don't think so.

Defendant Gates: It is bad enough we are not allowed to think. Now you want to forbid us to smile as well.

The Court: Well, you are evidently a very bold man and you yet up and have your say. That is all right. I am not ordering you not to smile, but I am going to have order in my courtroom, and I am not going to have testimony laughed off by the sort of procedure that we have had in the past. We will just stop there.



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These requests have come from many quarters, including Republicans, Democrats, Communists and American Laborites, both Negro and white.

Outstanding has been the formation of Independent Citizens for my reelection under the leadership of the eminent statesman, Dr. W. E. B. DuBois.

These expressions of confidence I consider a mandate to continue the work I have begun in the City Council. I deeply appreciate them.

However, the major consideration for me has been whether my candidacy could further the interests of the Negro people of Harlem, and the working people as a whole. For I have always considered that it was through the alliance of the Negro people with the white workers and other democratic citizens that a program befitting the needs of Harlem could be brought into life. Nor could I fight against the special oppressions of Harlem without representing the welfare of the entire city.

FUTURE IN JEOPARDY

Today the future of the Negro people stands in jeopardy. This future is jeopardized by the reactionary policy which our government, in the nation, state, and city, is pursuing. It is a policy which would lead America down a one-way street—named Wall Street. This policy, if unchecked, can only lead to war, fascism and to an economic depression worse than that of 1929.

How else can we explain the tender concern for Ilse Koch through commutation of sentence, while Mrs. Rose Lee Ingram serves a living-death sentence in a Georgia prison?

How else can we explain the treacherous desertion of the Civil Rights Program by the Truman Administration and the Republicans during the recent filibuster?

It is for this reason that my eleven co-workers and I are on trial here at Foley Square—because we are opposed to a senseless war which will bring nothing but destruction and misery to the American people—Negro and white.

It is not accidental that the poll-tax U. S. Atttorney General Tom Clark is now seeking to jail the only Negro Councilman in New York, and outlaw his party, because we have fought tooth and nail against jimcrow, anti-Semitism and against the enslavement of organized labor.

PROGRAM FOR HARLEM

In the first place, the welfare of the Harlem community requires a fight for jobs, and against every manifestation of job discrimination practiced against Negroes, Puerto Ricans and other minority groups. The State Commission against Discrimination must become something more than an empty vote-catching device for Dewey.

The welfare of Harlem demands a low-cost housing program which will relieve the present critical situation that breeds misery, disease and rat-bites for Negro tenants. Jimcrow discrimination in Stuyvesant Town must be abolished. Negro citizens must be permitted to live anywhere and everywhere in New York City. My bill in the City Council to outlaw restrictive covenants should be passed.

Police brutality, which has reached its most vicious expression against Negro citizens, must be ended. Such shocking examples as the wanton killing of Dennis Berber by trigger-happy cops; the maintenance of a permanent mounted police force to terrorize the people of Harlem; the daily violation of elementary constitutional rights—such things must end.

The starvation relief and welfare allowances, inadequate for the entire city, are taking a frightful toll of the people of Harlem. At a time when unemployment in Harlem constitutes 25 percent of the city total, it should be clear the present allotments are not even a drop in the bucket.

Above all, Harlem and all of the common people need and want peace. The Negro people understand that peace is in danger—they understand that a Wall Street war threatens their future as well as that of the African peoples, the West Indian peoples, the Puerto

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MORE THAN LOCAL ISSUE

Hence, the principle of militant unbossed Negro representation in the New York City Council transcends merely local issues, and is important for the nation as a whole. Further, our City Council should have Negro representation from all boroughs of New York so as to reflect the vital and contructive part which Negroes play in the life of our city. The time is long due when Negroes should be elected to the highest offices in government, offices to which neither of the two machine parties even propose them.

During my two terms in the Council I have introduced and fought for measures which would improve virtually every aspect of the life of the people of New York. I have introduced into the City Council measures to outlaw jimcrowism in Stuyvesant Town; to establish free milk stations for underprivileged families; and to officially proclaim Negro History Week as a period of commemoration in New York, an observance which is now an established tradition in our city administration.

I have not left the political and economic issues to the smoke-filled club house rooms, but have carried them to the people on the streets of New York, elections or no elections.

In pursuit of the labor and people's program which I have fought for in the Council, it has been my Party, the Communist Party—the Party of Socialism—which has given me full, indispensable support and wise counsel. For the program of the Communist Party coincides with the best interests of the workers and other democratic citizens of New York, irrespective of their political affiliations.

I shall continue to work for the unity and betterment of the people of Harlem within the community, and with their trade union and progressive allies. It was on this basis that Republicans, Democrats Laborites and other independents combined at the polls to twice elect me to the City Council and to otherwise advance their electoral interests.

COALITION NECESSARY

Today, such an independent coalition of the people is more necessary than ever, if democracy is to be maintained and expanded, and if war and fascist slavery are to be defeated.

One of the secret weapons of the forces of reaction and fascism is red-baiting, which they use to terrorize and divide the people. More and more, the greedy landlords and rich Jimcrow employers are using this Hitlerite weapon against Harlem.

My candidacy will give the people of Harlem an opportunity to deliver a stunning setback to the red-baiting exploiters of Harlem, for red-baiting is a menace to social progress.

Irrespective of political differences, labor and the people of Harlem and New York can and should get together against war, fascism and starvation. In this unity lies a better Harlem, equality and the advancement of the people of New York.

I pledge my candidacy to this urgent cause, confident that we can, by working together, achieve victory.

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OFFICIAL ASSEMBLY POINTS FOR THE MAY DAY PARADE

The United Labor and People's Committee for May Day announced the mobilization points for all organizations participating in the May Day Parade for Peace, Jobs and Democratic Rights. The parade this year will be held on Saturday, April 30. It will start at Eighth Avenue and 39 St., in the garment center, move south on Eighth Ave. to 17 St., then east on 17 St. to the reviewing stand at Union Square.

The complete mobilization is listed below:

Mobilize at 12 Noon

39th ST., BETWEEN 8th AND 9th AVES.

Color Guard.
United May Day Committee.
Jewish Gold Star Memorial League.
Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.
Marine Cooks and Stewards.
Members of National Maritime Union.
Fur and Leather Workers Union, CIO.
International Officers
Veterans Contingent.
Furriers Joint Council and Locals.
Furriers Joint Board and Locals.



39th ST., BETWEEN 9th AND 10th AVES.

Distributive Trades, Independent.
Local 65.
Local 830.
Department Stores.
Members of Local 338.
Miscellaneous.
Wholesale, Retail and Warehouse Workers, CIO.
Harlem People's Organizations.
Harlem Labor Council.
United Harlem Tenants and Consumers Organizations.
Solidarity Lodge 691, IWO.
Welfare Council of Harlem.
Communist Party of Harlem.
United Office and Professional Workers, CIO.
Local 16.
Local 18.
Local 19.
Others.

39th ST., BETWEEN 10th AND 11th AVES.

Furniture Workers of America, CIO.
Local 140.
Local 76-B.
Local 76.
Bakery and Confectionary Workers, AFL.
Local 1.
Local 3.
Local 164.
Others.
Jewelry Workers, AFL.
Local 1.

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Mobilize at 1 P.M.

38th ST., BETWEEN 8th AND 9th AVES.

Members of International Ladies Garment Workers Union.
Millinery Workers.
Members of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

38th ST., BETWEEN 9th AND 10th AVES.

Youth Contingent.
Tenants and Consumers Councils.
Kings County.
Bronx County.
New York County.
Queens County.
United Women's Peace Organization.

38th ST., BETWEEN 10th AND 11th AVES.

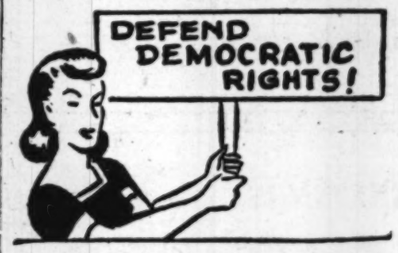
Members of Food Workers Locals, AFL.
Local 1.
Local 6.
Local 89.
Others.
Local 144, Hotel Front Service, AFL.
Local 400, Meat Cutters, AFL.
Building Trades.
Painters Local 848, AFL.
Painters Local 905, AFL.
Miscellaneous.
Printers, AFL.
Paper and Bag Workers, AFL.
Local 107.
Gas, Coke and Chemical Workers.
Local 121.
Auto Workers.
Newspaper Workers.



Mobilize at 1:30 P.M.

37th ST., BETWEEN 8th AND 9th AVES.

The Morning "Freiheit."
International Workers Order.
General Council.
Jewish People's Fraternal Order.
Veterans Contingent.
Jewish Young Fraternalists.
Emma Lazarus Division.
Jewish Childrens Schools.
Bronx District.
Brooklyn District.
Manhattan District.
Queens District.
Cervantes Fraternal Society.
Hispanic Organizations.
Hellenic-American Brotherhood.
Garibaldi - American Fraternal Society.
Polonia Society.
Slovak Workers Society.
American Russian Fraternal Society.
Ukrainian-American Fraternal Union.
Ukrainian Organizations.
Carpatho - Russian People's Society.
United Carpathian-Russian Organization.
Hungarian Brotherhood.
Romanian - American Fraternal Society.
Finnish-American Mutual Aid Society.
United Yugoslav Organizations.
Nature Friends.
German-American Groups.
Union of Yugoslav Americans.
Armenian Progressive League.
Lithuanian Workers
Estonian Workers Club.
Far Eastern Contingent.
Chinese-American Division
Japanese-American Division
Korean-American Division
Indonesian-American Division



Mobilize at 1:30 P.M.

37th ST., BETWEEN 9th AND 11th AVES.

United Shoe Workers, CIO.
Local 54.
Local 60.
Local 65.
Miscellaneous.
United Electrical and Radio Workers, CIO.
Local 430.
Local 1227.
Food and Tobacco Workers, Local 273, CIO
Miscellaneous.
Transport Workers.
Longshore Workers.
New Jersey Contingent.
Veterans Contingent.
Trade Union Contingent.
Civil Rights Congress of New Jersey.
International Workers Order of New Jersey.
Communist Party of New Jersey.
Civil Rights Congress of New York.
Civil Rights Congress Legal Staff.

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Mobilize at 2 P.M.

36th ST., BETWEEN 8th AND 9th AVES.

Cultural Groups.
Writers.
Musicians.
Artists.
Scientists.
Theatrical.
Contemporary Writers.
Music Alliance.
People's Dance Group.
"Masses and Mainstream."
Professional Groups.
Doctors.
Dentists.
Lawyers.
Teachers.
Jefferson School of Social Science.
Members, Congress of American Women.

35th ST., BETWEEN 8th and 9th AVES.

New York State Communist Party
Veterans Contingent
"Daily Worker"
New York County, Communist Party

35th ST., BETWEEN 9th AND 10th AVES.

Bronx County, Communist Party
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Nassau County, Communist Party

35th ST., BET. 10th AND 11th AVES.

Kings County, Communist Party
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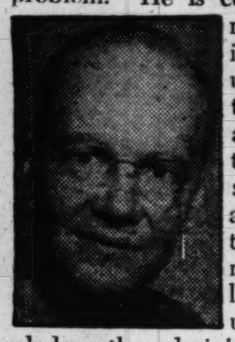
Making Hay

by Lem Harris

Secretary Brannan's Proposal Lacks Teeth to Protect Consumers, Small Farms

Secretary Brannan has placed before Congress a new farm proposal which has features which have attracted widespread interest. It signifies a response to the increasing pressure from farm communities for machinery which will prevent the present slipping of farm prices from crashing to depression levels.

Mr. Brannan has a first rate problem. He is confronted by a monopoly dominated economy under which the trend of agriculture is to eliminate the small producer and promote the development of ever larger farm units. Yet he pledges the administration support to the "family type farm" and proposes this measure for accomplishing this end. Naturally, if the measure even slows up the process of elimination of farm families as producers, if it contains some benefits for the city consumers, it should be supported.



Secretary Brannan presented the plan as a form of income guarantee for all producers—an objective which small farmers sorely need. Unfortunately his words about income guarantee are not substantiated by the text of the measure. It does support prices, based upon a ten year moving scale average of preceding farm prices. This could be a form of income guarantee, as Brannan suggests it, if the principle of controlled reduction of production was not written into the measure.

Thus a small farmer may have a better floor under his prices than at present, but he may be told that this price is conditional upon his reducing production, and end up with a below subsistence income.

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THE FARM PLAN of the Progressive Party has sought to overcome this objection by providing an exemption from any kind of production controls for all farmers with a net taxable income below $5,000. The lack of such exemption is the most serious defect of the Brannan proposal.

A significant feature of the measure as first presented by Brannan is a limitation of benefits to farmers, whose gross income tops a figure arrived at by a formula which at present price levels comes to about $20,000. The National Farmers Union was quick to point out that the farms in this bracket are scarcely "family types," but are more apt to be factory farms. There are about 100,000 such farms in America, constituting about 2 percent of the total number, but accounting for about 25 percent of the nation's total farm production.

The exclusion of big operators from government benefits is a demand which progressives have been advancing for years. It is important, therefore, that at least formal support for the principle should appear in the Administration's bill. It is this feature that agitates the New York Journal of Commerce, which terms "the Brannan plan as a case of class legislation of the worst type."

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THE FEARS of the Wall Street writers were lessened by Brannan himself when he retreated from this provision during his testimony before the House Agricultural Committee. There were mixed reactions when he told the Congressmen that he would not insist on upper limits to benefits of non-perishable crops. This retreat induced a congressman to observe that the largest farm enterprises were mostly in wheat, tobacco, cotton and other non-perishable products, but that he presumed that giant producers of radishes or caraway seed might be confronted with the limitations.

A third principle in the measure, is the permitting of perishable products to find their own price level, but with the threat of unrestricted production control quotas in the background. Lowering of consumer prices is presumed to result from lower market prices, and is certainly in the public welfare. But there are no teeth in the bill which will force food processors and middlemen to pass these savings on to the consumer. In all likelihood, these processors will pocket the difference and send their statisticians to hearing armed with "proof" that they would be operating at a loss if they were denied the increment.

Furthermore the measure overlooks forms of building up the domestic consumption of food other than mentioning the advisability of continuing the school lunch program. With unemployment and part time employment beginning to mount in the cities, now is the time to set up a comprehensive stamp plan for protecting the diets of low income families.

To sum up, the Brannan plan requires teeth for strengthening what it purports to do. Small farmers must be exempted from reduction requirements. Protection for consumers must be written in. An alert farm and labor coalition could be formed around this measure.

(Those interested in a more detailed analysis of the Brannan Plan should send for the May issue of Facts for Farmers, issued by Farm Research, Inc., 39 Cortlandt St., NYC.)

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Rank & File Seek Pay Hikes As Contract Talks Open

By Bernard Burton

The explosive movement for strikes and other protest actions in auto is being watched as a barometer of things to come as labor gets set for wage and contract negotiations in the nation's major industries. Auto, steel, mining, electrical manufacturing, rubber, maritime—all of these and more will enter new negotiations, with the first talks scheduled at Ford's on May 15.

The overwhelming strike vote against speedup at the immense Ford River Rouge plant, followed by outbreaks at other companies, has served to shatter artfully-inspired illusions that the workers are in no mood to fight and are willing to settle for peanuts.

Wage increases, shorter hours, halting speedup—these are the demands rising from labor's grass roots, despite the frantic efforts of such labor leaders as CIO United Auto Workers' president Walter Reuther to focus sights exclusively on welfare and pension plans, and fringe issues.

As the UAW's International Executive Board met in Detroit to put final touches on bargaining policy, it was faced with the Ford vote requesting permission for immediate strike, with a hard-fought anti-speedup walkout at Bendix Aviation, with quick stoppages at Packard, Kaiser-Frazer, and more brewing in other spots.

In view of these uprisings, last January's letter to UAW members by the union's four top officials took on an even more ludicrous note. This letter sought to dismiss speedup grievances as a Communist plot.

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THE SAME THING held for the shorter workweek and wage increases. With unemployment spreading and takehome pay falling, leaders in the UAW as well as other unions were facing rank and file demands—expressed through petition campaigns, local resolutions and an outcropping of stickers in shops—for 30 hours work at 40 hours pay and wage increases of 25 to 30 cents.

In coal mining, the negotiations schedule was advanced at the request of the operators, spurred on especially by the southern employers, who apparently felt that the growth of unemployment and Taft-Hartley could now be used to bludgeon the United Mine Workers. As the UMW policy committee convened in Washington to map the union's strategy, indications were that the miners might very well spark the fight for the shorter work week in order to cut into joblessness.

The policy committee of the United Steelworkers was called to convene in Pittsburgh May 5 for final readying of its position in negotiations. Unemployment was beginning to crop up in steel also; shutting of two hearths within 10 days in Pittsburgh, cutting down of employment in other companies, with speedup as well as narrowing markets causing the drop.

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DEMANDS for a campaign for 25 and 30-cent raises were beginning to arise in local resolutions and petitions, despite attempts of Steel Union officials to stifle and play down any rank-and-file initiative. Steel workers also were beginning to urge a shorter work week.

Militants were insisting on rallying the membership for a united, determined fight in view of indications that the steel employers were going to hold out against any real concessions. Especially indicative was the no-improvement stand of H. L. Batchellor, president of Alleghany-Ludlum.

Only a short time earlier Batchellor and Steel union President Philip Murray were the joint guests of honor at a banquet demonstrating union-employer "harmony." Ironically, the union's paper had plastered the affair over a good part of the edition.

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IN MARITIME, the June 15 contract expiration date was again approaching. Only proposals by National Maritime Union President Joseph Curran were submitted in a book containing suggested changes of wording in the existing contract, plus fringe issues. Curran, instead of uniting his membership for the coming battle, was engaged in a war against any critics in an attempt to change the NMU Constitution to give him nearly unlimited power.

With the rank and file showing it was ready and willing to fight for advances, the time had clearly come for CIO top leaders to act on the proposals of its third largest affiliate—the United Electrical Workers—to call a united national wage conference. It was this kind of united national strategy, especially of CIO's Big Three—Steel, UAW, UE—which had broken through to victory in earlier post-war wage battles.

The flare-ups in auto have shown that this is the kind of CIO leadership required by the workers—not a leadership which weakens and dissipates union strength in internal battles and raiding.



T-H Repeal Threatened by Sellout

Administration Winks at Dixiecrat-GOP Maneuver to Pass Worse Bill

The makings of one of the most cynical political sellouts is in the making on Taft-Hartley unless labor back home in the locals, shops and communities can make its voice heard on a greater scale. Congress, with the Administration conveniently looking the other way, is trying to box Taft-Hartley repeal into a choice between two evils.

First, a combination of Democrats and Republicans will seek to get the Wood bill passed, which is another Taft-Hartley in all but name. Failing that, they will seek to amend the Administration's Thomas-Lesinski repeal measure into a form which can gain the imprimatur of the National Association of Manufacturers.

The Thomas-Lesinski measure actually opened the door to this NAM flank movement by abandoning labor proposals for a two-step repeal strategy. This had called for first obtaining complete repeal of T-H and then re-enacting the Wagner Act plus the Norris-La Guardia Anti-Injunction Act.

But the Administration measure was introduced as one package—repeal plus re-enactment of the earlier labor laws with amendments. Thus, the sluice gates were opened for the anti-labor legislators to go to town while Administration leaders could raise their eyes heavenward and seek to disclaim any responsibility.

THE HANDIWORK was prepared while top labor leaders sat back, relying on Democratic promises that repeal would be the first order of business in Congress. After nearly three months, top AFL, CIO and independent union officials suddenly became alarmed at the forbidding prospect being prepared for them.

They sent out calls for a stepped-up buttonholing campaign to change votes. But old-time Washington observers know that it will take more than the quiet cornering of some Congressmen by an individual here or there to change the picture.

What is needed, they say, is a mass, rank and file movement back home on the scale of the '47 veto torch parades, demonstrations, marches and rallies which brought about the veto of T-H, although it was later overridden in Congress.

But, with memories of the election campaign still fresh in the minds of most politicians—a campaign where T-H repeal was a key issue—the workers back home can bring enough heat to change the situation. What is needed is such action as was planned by the rank and file conference Tuesday night of AFL, CIO and independent unionists in New York.

Their decisions included mass delegations to Washington, visits to Congressmen, public rallies. With enough of this kind of action, the balance can be tipped even so far as to force favorable action on the only two-step repeal measure in Congress—the Marcantonio Bill.

Nine Mine, Mill Strikers Framed, Face Death Penalty

METALINE FALLS, Wash. (FP).—Public protests have forced a delay of from two to six months in the scheduled trial of nine CIO strikers facing possible death penalties on framed kidnaping charges. The men include representatives of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union and Local 515, which has been on strike at the American Zinc Lead and Smelting Co's Grandview mine for nine months.

They have been charged with assault, burglary and kidnapping in connection with the asserted beating of some strikebreakers imported by the mine owners. If convicted of kidnaping, the strikers are liable to a sentence of from 10 years to hanging.

A delay in the trial was won after aroused citizens and taxpayers of Pend Oreille County filed a petition for review of a special $4,500 county fund appropriation to push prosecution of the nine men.

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THE POSTPONEMENT followed a march by taxpayers on the county courthouse, where a hearing was held on the special appropriation. The day had been declared a miners' holiday to protest the use of taxpayers' money as a strike-breaking weapon.

Joining the miners in the protest demonstration were small farmers, stump ranchers, woodworkers from the big timber, Grange delegates and other representatives of labor and the community

Merchants of northeastern Washington closed their shops to permit their employes to attend the session, which was later described by participants as the "hottest hearing in the county's history."

The strike was called last July 1 against American Zinc's Metaline Falls properties when the company refused to resume contractual relations with the union on the pretext that its officers had not signed Taft-Hartley non-Communist affidavits. The union's locals in Illinois and Ohio struck later on the same issue.

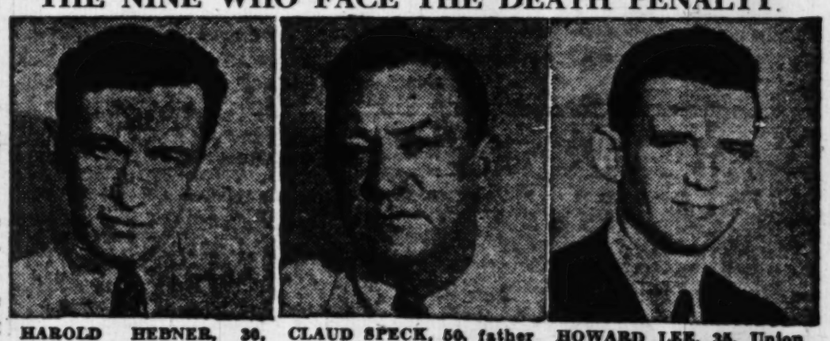
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IN AN OPEN APPEAL to the public for support, the nine defendants—all but one of whom are war veterans—told their side of the story:

"While we face charges carrying the death penalty, it is not the first time that attempts have been made to frame working people. We recall full well the cases of Joe Hill and Tom Mooney, not to mention many others. . . .

"Our lives and the fate of our union are not the only matters involved here. There is something else—something that concerns the lives of every American man, woman and child. And that something is simply this: so long as the Taft-Hartley Act remains, just so long will such companies as American Zinc use this legal weapon to take the lives of American workers, to destroy their unions, and to deal a death blow to all organized labor and, with it, American democracy."

THE NINE WHO FACE THE DEATH PENALTY



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DANNY CALLAHAN, 28, Local 515 Trustee; served 18 months in the Army.

LAWRENCE HOLMAN, 24, Local 515 Fin. Sec.; father of 2; in Navy Seabees.

RADIO and TV

SATURDAY

3:00-WJZ—Western Music
WOR—Official Detective
WNBC—Living, 1949
WCBS—Get More Out of Life
3:30-WNBC—Edward Tomlinson—Talk
WOR—Family Theatre
WCBS—County Journal
WNYC—Great Masters
WQXR—Program Favorites
3:45-WNBC—UN Is My Beat
3:00-WNBC—Oklahoma Philharmonic Orchestra
WOR—Sisco Kid
WCBS—Report from Overseas
WQXR—News; Recent Records
3:15-WCBS—Adventures in Science
3:30-WOR—Hopalong Cassidy
WCBS—Cross Section, U.S.A.
WQXR—Music of Our Time
4:00-WNBC—Your Health Today
WOR—Proudly We Hail
WNYC—Jazz Concert
WQXR-News; Symphonic Matinee
4:15-WNBC, WJZ, WCBS—Racing at Jamaica
5:00-WNBC—Lassie—Sketch
WOR—Russ Hodges
WJZ—Popular Music
WCBS—Bandstand
WQXR—News; Record Review
5:15-WNBC—Wormwood Forrest
5:30-WNBC—Bobby Byrnes Orchestra
WOR—True or False
WQXR—Cocktail Time

EVENING

6:00-WNBC—Kenneth Banghart
WOR—Lyle Van
WJZ—Honey Dreamers
WQXR—News; Music to Remember
6:30-NBC—NBC Symphony Orchestra
WCBS—Red Barber
WQXR—Dinner Concert
7:00-WOR—Guess Who
WCBS—Spike Jones Show
WJZ—Harry Wismer
WNYC—Masterwork Hour
WQXR—News; Music
7:30-WNBC—Vic Damone, Songs
WOR—H. R. Knickerbocker
WJZ—Phil Bovero Orchestra
WCBS—Vaughn Monroe Show
WQXR—Opera Excerpts
7:45-WOR—Answer Man
8:00-WNBC—Hollywood Star Theatre
WOR—Twenty Questions
WQXR—News, Symphony Hall
WJZ—Variety Show
WCBS—Gene Autry Show
8:30-WNBC—Truth or Consequences
WOR—Take a Number
WJZ—Famous Jury Trials
WQXR—New York Times News
WCBS—Philip Marlowe
9:00-WNBC—Hit Parade
WOR—Life Begins at 80
WJZ—Little Herman
WCBS—Gangbusters
WQXR—News; Music
9:30-WNBC—Judy Canova Show
WCBS—Basil Rathbone Show
WJZ—Pat Novak
9:45-WNYC—Top Talk
WQXR—News; Record Album
10:00-WNBC—Dennis Day Show
WOR—Theatre of the Air
WJZ—Earl Godwin
WCBS—Sing It Again
WNYC—Municipal Concert Hall
WQXR—News; On Wings of Song
10:30-WNBC—Grand 'Ole Opry
WQXR—Pop Concert

SUNDAY

AFTERNOON

12:05-WQXR—Symphonic Varieties
12:15-WJZ—Foreign Reporter
WNEW—Vaudeville Isn't Dead
WMGM—Bing Crosby Records
12:30-WNBC—Eternal Light
WMCA—News Bulletins
WOR—News—Melvin Elliott
WJZ—Piano Playhouse
WCBS—Peoples Platform
WMGM—Hour of Champions
WNEW-News; Recorded Music
WQXR—Record Review
12:45-WOR—Rendezvous with Ross
WMCA—Jerry Baker
WQXR—Ocrhestral Melodies
1:00-WNBC—America United
William L. Shirer
WJZ—American Almanac
WCBS—Charles Collingwood
WMCA—J. Raymond Walsh, Forum
WNYC—Music for the connoisseur
WMGM—Four Star Review
WNEW—Hollywood Open House
WQXR—New York Times News; Midday Symphony
1:05-WQXR—Midday Symphony
WCBS—Elmo Roper
1:15-WJZ—Edward Weeks, Comment
WMGM-News; Jan Bart
WLIB—Estelle Sternberger
1:30-WNBC—Author Meets The Critics
WCBS—Design for Listening
WJZ—National Vespers
WOR—Michael O'Duffy
WMCA—Perry Como
WLIB—Melody Playhouse
2:00-WOR—The Deems Taylor Concert
WCBS—Longines Symphonette
WNBC—Homecoming
WJZ—Week Around the World
WNYC—Brooklyn Museum Concert
WQXR—News
2:05-WQXR—Viennese Melodies
2:15-WLIB—Harriet Johnson, Interviews
2:30-WNBC—NBC University Theatre
WOR—Harry Hennessy
WJZ—Mr President
WCBS—You Are There
WQXR—Americana
2:45-WOR—Quiz Club
3:00-WOR—Cisco Kid
WJZ—Harrison Woods
WCBS—N. Y. Philharmonic Symphony
WLIB—News; Music
3:15-WJZ—Betty Clark, Songs
3:30-WNBC—One Man's Family



RADIO HIGHLIGHTS
Sunday, May 1

P.M.
1:15—Elmo Roper. WCBS.
1:30—Author Meets the Critics. WNBC.
2:30—University Theatre. WNBC.
3:00—N. Y. Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra. WCBS.
3:30—Juvenile Jury. WOR.
4:00—Wm. S. Gailmor. WLIB.
6:00—Oscar Brand Song Festival. WNYC.
6:30—Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet. WCBS.
7:00—Jack Benny show. WCBS.
8:30—Henry Morton show. WNBC.
9:00—NBC Theatre. WNBC.
9:30—Theatre Guild. WJZ.

TV
7:30—Grace and Paul Hartman. WNBT.
8:30—Author Meets the Critics. WNBT.
9:00—NBC Repertory Theatre. WNBT.

WOR—Juvenile Jury
WJZ—Phil Brestoff
4:00-WNBC—The Quiz Kids
WJZ—Ted Malone
WJZ—Future of America
WLIB—William S. Gailmor
WMCA—Light Popular Music
WQXR—News
4:30-WNBC—Robert Trout
WOR—True Detective Mysteries
WJZ—Milton Cross' Opera Album
WCBS—Skyway to the Stars
4:35-WNBC—Jane Pickens Show
4:55-WNYC—News
5:00-WNBC—RCA Victor Show
WOR—The Shadow
WJZ—Music of Today
WCBS—Wittnauer Chorallers
WQXR—News; Record Reviews
5:15-WCBS—Art Mooney
5:30-WOR—Quick as a Flash
WCBS—Broadway Is My Beat
WJZ—Quiet Please
WNBC—Harvest of Stars

EVENING

6:00-WNBC—Catholic Hour
WOR—Roy Rogers Show
WJZ—Drew Pearson
WNYC—Oscar Brand, Folk Songs
WCBS—Hour of Stars
WMGM—Old Fashioned Revival Hour
WMCA—My Best Records
WQXR—News
6:05-WQXR—String Quartet
6:15-WJZ—Don Gardner
6:30-WNBC—Dean Martin, Jerry Lewis Show
WOR—Nick Carter
WCBS—Ozzie and Harriet
WJZ—Greatest Story Ever Told
WMCA—Ave Maria Hour
6:45-WNYC—Weather Report; News
7:00-WNBC—Richard Diamond
WOR—The Falcon
WCBS—Jack Benny
WJZ—Curt Massey show
WMCA—Showtime

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WNYC—Masterwork Hour
WQXR—News
7:05-WQXR—Collectors Items
7:30-WNBC—Phil Harris—Alice Faye
WOR—Mayor of the Town
WJZ—Carnegie Hall
WCBS—Amos 'N' Andy
WMCA—Adventures in Industry
WMGM—Voice of Prophecy
WNEW—News; Spirituals
8:00-WNBC—Fred Allen Show
WMCA—Echoes of Big Time
WOR—Alexander's Mediation Board
WJZ—Stop the Music
WCBS—Sam Spade
WMGM—Cavalry Baptist Church
WNEW—Piano Rhapsody
WEVD—Irish Variety Show
WQXR—News
8:05-WQXR—Our Musical Heritage
8:30-WNBC—Henry Morgan Show
WMCA—American Panorama
WOR—Melvin Elliott
WCBS—Lum 'N' Abner
WNEW—News; Piano Rhapsody
9:00-WNBC—NBC Theatre
WMCA—News; Composers Notebook
WOR—Under Arrest
WJZ—Walter Winchell
WCBS—Electric Theatre
WEVD—Drama: Errand of Mercy
WQXR—News
9:05-WQXR—Sunday Evening Concert
9:15-WJZ—Louella Parsons Show
WEVD—Michael Young
9:30-WNBC—Familiar Music Album
WOR—Jimmy Fidler
WJZ—Theatre Guild
WCBS—Our Miss Brooks
WNEW—News; Music You Want
WEVD—Quiz—I Challenge You
10:00-WNBC—Take It or Leave It
WMCA—Dinah Shore
WOR—Secret Missions
WCBS—Life With Luigi
WEVD—Forum
WQXR—News
10:05-WQXR—On Wings of Song
10:30-WNBC—Horace Heidt show
WOR—Heartbeat in the News
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WEVD—Eddie Duchin Show
WQXR—Pop Concert

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World Wheat Pact Suits Wall St; Other Countries Voice Fears

For the second time, the representatives of 46 nations have agreed upon a division of the world export and import trade of wheat. A similar agreement was reached a year ago, was approved by various governments, but was rejected by the U. S. Senate. Once more the Senate is called upon to ratify such a treaty.

Under its provisions, the U .S. is assured foreign markets for 168 million bushels per year for four years, at a maximum price of $1.80 and a minimum of $1.20 per bushel. Actual anticipated exports under the plan will be augmented by our shipments to occupied Japan and Germany, bringing the total to about 300 million bushels per year.

Because the prewar level of annual U. S. wheat export during the decade of the thirties was less than 100 million bushels, farmers in this country generally look upon the plan with favor. Furthermore, financial journals are expressing opposition to the proposed treaty because of its attempt to peg world prices, thus interfering with their sacred law of supply and demand.

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ACTUALLY, however, American financial interests have seen to it that the agreement favors them and places many "beneficiary" nations at a disadvantage. It has become known that the American representatives had trouble beating into line such nations as England, France and Italy. The potent threat of pressure from the Marshall Plan administrators was necessary to force acceptance by these countries of provisions which are harmful to their economies.

For example, these countries are striving to increase their own farm production in order to become less dependent upon dollar imports. France had hoped to raise enough wheat to meet her domestic needs, and have some for export. In any case France wanted to import as much as possible from North Africa, outside the orbit of the dollar. If our Senate ratifies this treaty, she will be committed to importing a quota which must be paid for with dollars.

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COMMENTS APPEARING in the French Communist press cite this Wheat Agreement as one more step in the plan of American finance capital to make of France a dependent nation, with a virtually colonial status.

Argentina has refused to participate in the agreement with the obvious hope of speculating on possible world shortages. In the postwar period of acute food shortages, the Peron government made the export of wheat a state monopoly and profited handsomely by extorting the highest prices from areas of acute hunger.

The Soviet Union as an exporter, and the new democracies as importers, are not entering into this agreement.

YPI to Hold Job Conference May 8

CHICAGO.—The Young Progressives of Illinois will stage a job conference for young workers to be held Sunday, May 8, at 10:30 a.m. at the South Side Community Art Center, 3831 S. Michigan Ave.

Coast Cabbies Vote To Continue Strike

SAN FRANCISCO (FP).—Overriding a recommendation by their negotiating committee, striking AFL cab drivers voted 771 to 755 to refuse an employer offer and to continue their walkout, which has kept 85 percent of the city's taxis tied up since New Year's Eve.

The proposal turned down by the strikers, who are members of the Intl. Bro. of Teamsters, was to resume work at the present scale

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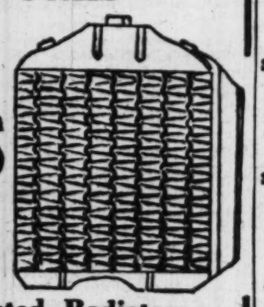


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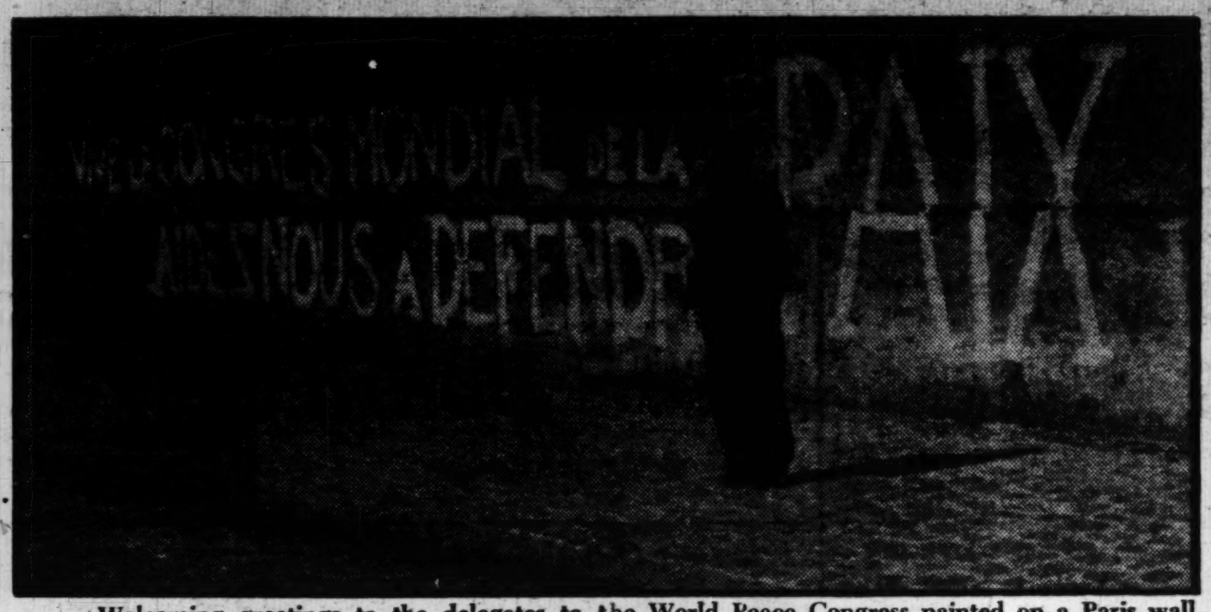
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Smog Poisons 100 in Test; Medics, Officials Shrug

DONORA, Pa. (FP).—During a four-day intensified smog test conducted here April 18-21 by the U. S. Public Health Service, some 100 persons were affected by fumes spewing forth from the American Steel & Wire Co. plant, the Webster Society for Better Living charged April 21.

But when a Federated Press reporter called the president of the Donora Medical Assn. to check the anti-smog group's charges, he was told no cases were reported by a majority of the doctors in the Donora-Webster area.

This silence came in the face of a report by a Webster nurse that she had received calls from 58 persons seeking advice on smog poisoning symptoms, a report by Webster Society Sec. Allen Kline that at least another 25 residents had required medical treatment and widespread advice to parents to keep their children indoors and away from school.

The seeming apathy of Donora's medics is nothing new. With few exceptions, Kline told FP, doctors in the one-industry town have little to aid those citizens who have long been trying to force the U. S. Steel Corp, subsidiary to end the smog menace in Donora and the neighboring town of Webster across the Monongahela river.

LAST OCTOBER the nation was shocked when at least 19 lives, and perhaps 24, were lost due to the deadly fumes which apparently rose from the huge industrial plant. After pressure from the United Steelworkers, CIO local in Donora, U. S. Public Service authorities arrived on the scene to conduct an investigation. Since the disaster, the zinc plant has been operating at limited capacity. During the four-day test, operations were stepped up to near the October level so the government officials could sample the smog pouring out of the plant.

Kline was bitter about the company's reckless disregard for the health of the people of Donora. He accused the company of having refused to install proper equipment which would eliminate the pollution in the air, "simply to save the expense." He added: "Saving that expense has been at the expense of the people of the area."

While pinning major responsibility on the company, Kline asserted that the doctors, local city officials and the courts, because of their inactivity in the past, must also share a large measure of the blame.

"You know," he said pointedly, "Donora is a company town."

For 30 years the smog has been a normal part of the Donora scene. The October deaths were not the first by a long shot, Kline asserted, but death certificates signed by local doctors don't mention "smog poisoning."

Kline's society has been pressuring for federal and state legislation to compel the company to eliminate the industrial fumes. The local authorities, as the record shows, have not been able to solve the problem, he observed.

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Japan Unions Pledge Fight For Peace

By HUGH DEANE

TOKYO (ALN).—The Japanese Congress of Industrial Unions, which with 1,200,000 members is the largest labor federation in this country, has come out against the cold war and for world peace in a sharply worded statement.

The statement expressed support for the World Congress of Defenders of Peace now meeting in Paris and announced the CIU would participate in a national congress for world peace to be held in Japan. The CIU believes, it continued, that "the unity of the workers of the entire world, crystallized in the World Federation of Trade Unions, is the best guarantee of world peace."

The CIU, which is Japan's most powerful federation not only numerically but because it dominates the basic industries, also made serious charges against the present Japanese government. "The Yoshida cabinet seeks to draw Japan into another war by preparing the way for a new fascism," it said. "To that end it is imposing upon the people low wages, mass discharge of workers and heavy taxation, and is sabotaging national industries conducive to peace."

While the Yoshida government seeks a Pacific war pact similar to the Atlantic pact in Europe, the CIU said, Japanese workers "will do everything possible to defend the peace of the world."

Fascist Poles Palmed Off on Franco Spain

PARIS (Telepress). — Several large units of the fascist Polish army of General Anders have been transferred from camps in England to Franco Spain, and are now stationed near Madrid, Barcelona and Bilbao, according to reliable information reaching Telepress. These troops, which have been living in idleness in England since before the end of the war, are the first batch of fascist Poles to be palmed off on Franco.

Arrangements for the transfer were made during negotiations in Madrid between the American and British charges des affaires and the French authorities. The move was prompted by the growing opposition of the British people to financing an armed fascist body in Britain, where the Polish troops had earned themselves a notorious reputation for loose living and criminal activities.

It is also learned that U. S. Ambassador in London, Douglas, after a conference with fascist generals Anders and Kopansky promised to support a new recruitment campaign to enlist Polish displaced persons to Europe under Anders' army.

All "volunteers" will be transported to the camps in Spain, and special transit bureaux will be organized with the help of the American authorities in Western European countries to facilitate their transport.

Ambassador Douglas assured the generals that definite instructions would be sent to U. S. repsenatives to aid the recruitment of Poles, and a tentative agreement was reached for the training of recruits by American instructors.

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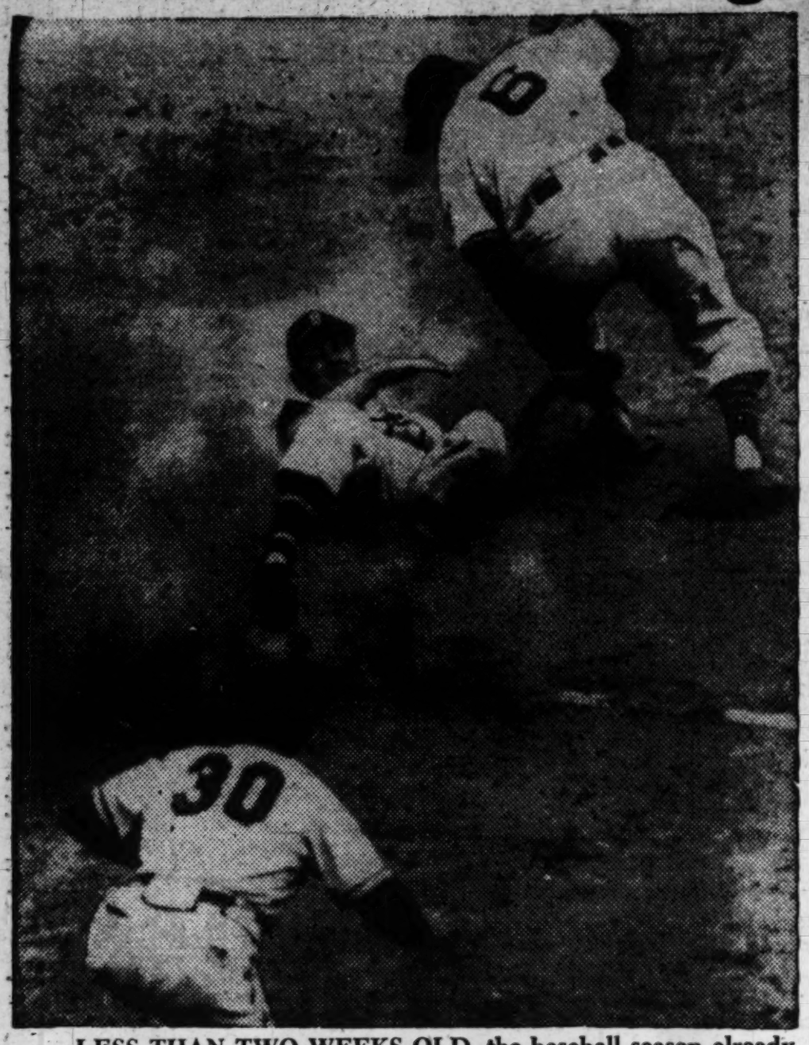
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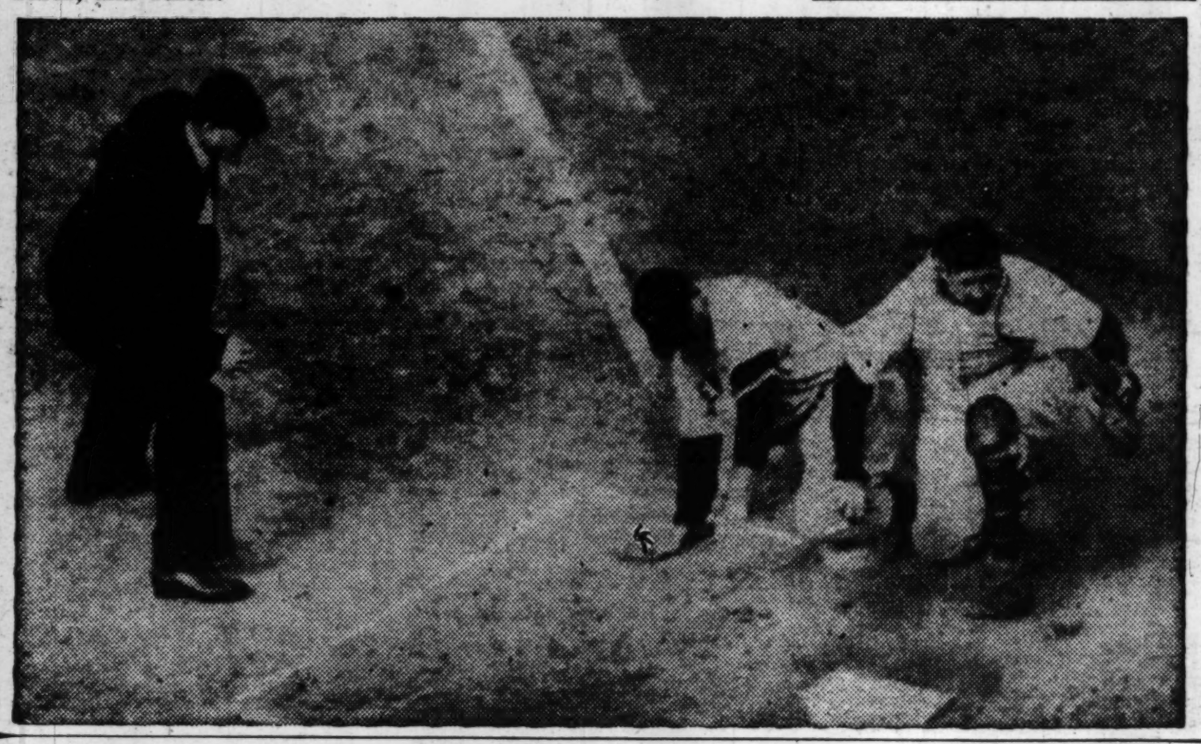
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Off and Running!



LESS THAN TWO WEEKS OLD, the baseball season already has the fans buzzing with surprising showings all up and down the leagues. A new crop of postwar youngsters are breaking into the lineups and speeding up the baserunning — Coleman, Yanks; Merriman, Reds; Abrams, Dodgers; Groth, Tigers; Jones, Phils; Glaviano, Cards, and others.



WORKER Sports

Stan the Man Was Steelworker

Stan Musial, now generally considered baseball's greatest all-round star, is well remembered as a steel worker in his home town of Donora, Pa. Early in his professional career, Stan would play ball during the summer and work at the American Steel and Wire Company's Zinc Works during the off season. (This outfit was temporarily shut down after the smog descended on Donora last winter.)

Musial was selected as rookie of the year just six years ago. He'll be 29 next November. The left-handed hitting and throwing Stan had an early ambition to be a pitcher, but a shoulder injury forced him to give it up and take up outfielding, and hitting! His .376 last season was typical.

This is the opposite of the career of Red Ruffing, ex-Yankee great. Red started out as a slugging young outfielder, but when his big toe was crushed, limiting his running ability, he took to the mound.

On the Score Board

By Lester Rodney



Hanging Out the Weekend Wash

IT'S REALLY TOO early in the season to do any generalizing, and I haven't seen a single Western club yet, but sports writers rush in where Joe Starobin and George Morris fear to tread, so. . . .

Anyone who says "The Giants can't go anywhere because they've got the same team as last year" isn't talking sense. They have the same NAMES, but not the same players.

Bob Thompson has relaxed his too rigid attempt to copy DiMaggio's batting stance and is a tremendously improved batsman, making Leo Durocher look good for putting him first and foremost on the "untouchable" list when trade talk was going around.

Clint Hartung is one year advanced along that painful path by which a talented athlete who can throw the ball a mile a minute becomes a pitcher instead of a thrower.

Sid Gordon just became a regular well after the 1948 season started. Though he is already 30, he is for the first time a solidly set ballplayer.

Finally the team is smarter with Durocher, Frisch and Fitzsimmons working steadily on inside baseball and helping especially such things as pitching, baserunning, defensive cut-offs, hit and runs, et al. I'm not at all unhappy about my second place prediction for this ballclub. Brother Mize starts loosening up in earnest along about July. In fact, if pitchers Jones and Kennedy swing into line I may start worrying about having put this explosive club one peg too low!

BY THE WAY, in case you haven't noticed the International League boxscores, the Negro players signed by the Giants are playing regularly with Jersey City. Hank Thompson, the talented young second baseman-outfielder, has been shifted to shortstop, an interesting move. Outfielder Monte Irvin is banging the ball as expected. Over at Newark, the Yankees are keeping an eye on young Frank Austin, rangy, hard-hitting young shortstop who has more big league possibilities than Art, Wilson, the man Veeck snatched out of their mitts.

FAIL TO FALL in with all the furore about the Phils. Much improved as they are, and with clear signs of further improvement to come, they simply do not have a first division pitching staff as yet. The young bonus phenoms like Roberts, Simmons and Bicknell are all uneven, the unfortunate result of the ruling that forbids them needed minor league experience. Name one Philly pitcher who will win 15 games.

EARLY PREDICTIONS AND COMMENTS: Jack Banta of Brooklyn will wind up the pitching rookie of the year. . . . Alvin Dark of Boston will hit .330 again or better. . . . The A's will be leading the league in July on the strength of superb pitching and defense and just enough hitting. Then the greater strength of the Indians, Bosox and Yanks will begin to tell. . . . Elmer Valo of the A's is my idea of an unsung star. The Palmerton, Pa. lad (who was born in Czechoslovakia) is the finest defensive rightfielder in the league, with a flaming spirit, speed and good arm, and hits a productive .300 or better every year. . . . Bosox still haven't got the pitching. . . . All the early talk of the total Yankee collapse, badly exaggerated with the kernal of good players still on the club and the league's second best pitching staff, actually was a favor to Casey Stengal because he'll look good now when the team finishes a strong third (or better).

IF THE WORLD SERIES is to be between the two teams with the top defensive infields, it's Cleveland and Brooklyn and no mistakes. With the emergence of Billy Cox as a superlative third sacker, the Dodger quartet of Hodges, Robinson, Reese and Cox may even rate an edge over the classy, but subtly slowing Vernon, Gordon, Boudreau, Keltner. Don't quote me in Cleveland on this.

JOE LOUIS and Henry Armstrong think the new fight movies like "Setup" and "Champion" give a distorted view of the prize ring, leaving by omission a picture of ONLY corruption and dishonesty and completely negating the battering of jimcrow which has been one of the meaningful aspects of a rough and tough sport which certainly, as these movies do show, is no lily.

THE GREAT Stan Musial is, of course, the top athletic product of Donora, Pa., pop. 13,000. But this little industrial town on the Monongahela has turned out many more top notch athletes, and don't try to speak against unions to any of them! Forward-passer Arnold Galiffa, middleweight contender Lee Sala, and a raft of top notch college football players. Besides Galiffa there are no less than 16 Donora lads playing on topline college teams, including three at Pitt. You must add this special region to the others famous for turning out good gridders, like the Chicago and Gary Calumet area, Michigan's Sawinaw Valley, the Canton-Massilon-Arkon-Cleveland territory in Ohio.

A New York sports writer was chatting with some of the Cards from down South this spring when the Gardella case was in the headlines. Someone mentioned the fact that things are a little better for big leaguers with a five thousand minimum and a ruling forbidding a pay cut of more than 25 percent any single year. Said Mr. Musial of Donora:

"Yeah, you know when they made those concessions, don't you? Only when some of the boys started to talk union!"

THERE ARE 61 leagues and 463 clubs in organized baseball. The two states in the union unrepresented are Vermont and Wyoming. Maine just gets in with the Portland club. North Carolina and Texas lead with 42 and 41 respectively. It's that weather.

Occupational Hazards!

Baseball Has 'Em Brother—If You Don't Think, Read This

Injuries — sore arms — spike wounds — pulled muscles — beaning by a pitched ball. These are some of the occupational hazards of our national pastime, and don't forget to average them into the total picture when you think about baseball salaries and the life expectancy of the average ballplayer in his highly skilled trade!

Here are some of the mishaps of this young season:

Joe DiMaggio, brought down by his non-healing heel, was the first and most important casualty of the spring. Bob Feller, Cleveland's pitching ace, was retired after three innings of the opener against the St. Louis Browns with a shoulder disorder that puts his fireballing career in jeopardy at the age of 31.

Ray Sanders, Boston Braves first baseman, who cracked a wrist executing a tag and will be out until June—at least. George (Whitey) Kurowski of the St. Louis Cardinals, who already were shy on manpower. The veteran third baseman threw his arm out.

Leroy (Satchel) Paige, the 40-odd year old Cleveland pitcher who strained his side shagging fly balls and is out indefinitely.

Charley Keller of the Yankees, who pulled a muscle in his side at a time when DiMag was on the shelf along with Johnny Lindell, pitcher Bob Porterfield, George Stirnweiss, Charley Silvera and Clarence Marshall. All had baseball-incurred injuries.

Then there are the Washington pitching patients—Ed Klieman, and Joe Haynes. Klieman has an injured index finger on his pitching hand, Haynes has a shoulder strain.

And outfielder Hank Edwards of Cleveland who received a shoulder separation swinging at a pitch.

Some of the other boys had close calls. Big Ralph Kiner of the Pittsburgh Pirates was hit in the head by a batted ball on the West Coast and was out for a couple of days while everyone kept their fingers crossed.

Richie Ashburn of the Phillies, one of the top rookies in '48, was hit in the eye by a thrown ball while rounding third base trying to score. He came out of it okay.

Dick Kokos and Paul Lehner, St. Louis Brownie outfielders, crashed under a fly ball and were lugged off the field.

Outfielder Clint Conatser of the Braves was beaned by rookie pitcher Frank Fanovich of Cincinnati and carried out on a stretcher. He started to wear a headgear—when the regular season opened.

Catcher Del Rice of the Cardinals and Sal Yvars of the Giants fractured fingers on their catching hands.

So it goes!



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DEMOS, GOP BEAT MARCANTONIO BILL TO REPEAL T-H ACT

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Leader of War Parade Heads Pro-Fascist Body

By Art Shields

Robert K. Christenberry, a fuehrer of the pro-fascist American Action Committee, will lead the war propaganda parade on Fifth Avenue, past Cardinal Spellman's reviewing stand today, Saturday.

The strutting American Action leader is the chairman of the committee promoting the march of pro-Nazi Germans, Catholic War Veterans, misgudied Catholic school kids, Truman government officials and counter-revolutionary exiles from eastern Europe and other anti-peace demonstrators today.

The rank and file workers of the CIO utilities union—one of the few union groups that has been sucked into marching with the fascists today—may not know Christenberry's record.

But I think their leader, Patrick J. McGrath, business agent of the Consolidated Edison Local, and supporter of the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists (ACTU), is quite aware of the following facts:

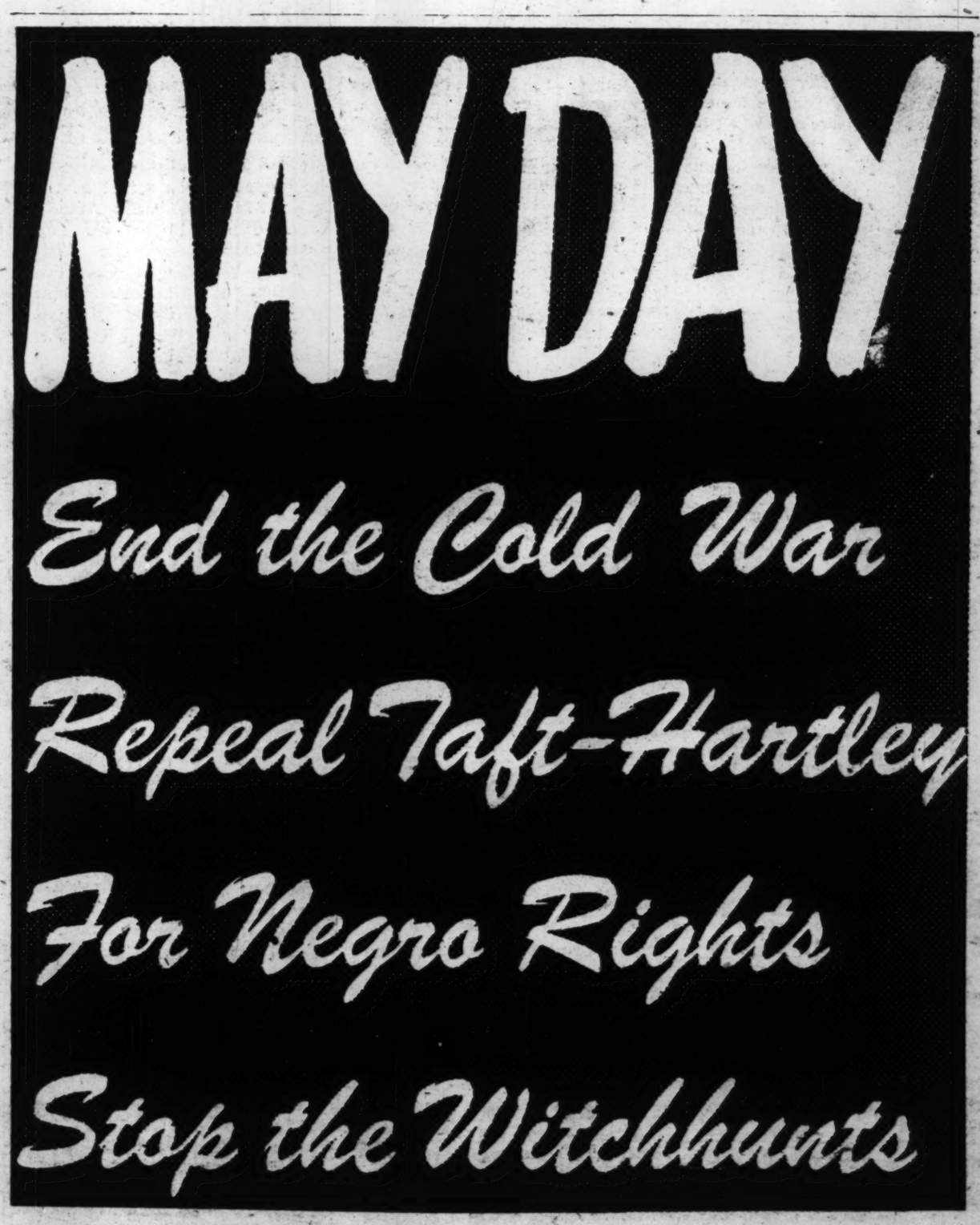
FUNDS FOR FASCISM

1. Christenberry was a member of the executive committee of American Action and one of its chief fund raisers, when it was set up by Merwin K. Hart, a professional pro-fascist promoter, and a bunch of NAM millionaires to fight labor's political candidates in 1946.

"I raised a lot of money" for American Action, said Christenberry in the midst of the campaign against every Democrat and every American Labor Party candidate backed by the CIO's Political Action Committee.

2. The funds were admittedly raised from such Amercain Action Committee sponsors as Lammot duPont,

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Durocher on Carpet Tuesday

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FBI Stool Spied on AFL, CIO

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1,000,000 in City Hit by Unemployment

The number of New Yorkers dependent on home relief or other government aid has risen to upwards of 1,000,000, the highest figure since prewar days, a survey last week disclosed. It showed 300,000 men, women and children on home relief, 255,532 individuals seeking or getting unemployment insurance benefits, another 38,194 drawing GI Bill benefits. Benefits for most veterans may run out July 25, when "52-20" is scheduled to expire.

Social workers assert that a conservative estimate is that there are at least three persons dependent upon assistance granted to a breadwinner. This would bring the figure to well over 1,000,000, or a minimum of one out of every eight New Yorkers hit by unemployment. It was stressed that these figures cannot tell the real picture of unemployment, because there are always many jobless who have exhausted unemployment benefits but who have not applied for relief, as well as many who have not applied for assistance of any kind.

Demos Join GOP to Beat Marcantonio Bill Repealing T-H Act

By Mel Fiske

WASHINGTON. — A series of test votes Friday indicated the House intends to keep most of the Taft-Hartley act. Final vote was postponed until next Tuesday after it was revealed that the administration's backstage deals had not secured it a working majority.

Most Truman Democrats joined Dixiecrats and Republicans to bury the one bill which would have wiped out the Taft-Hartley law and restored the Wagner Act without adulteration.

This was the bill offered by Vito Marcantonio (ALP-NY) as an amendment which would have had the effect of substituting its provisions for the Wood Bill sponsored by Republicans and Southern Democrats.

Saying that it embodied the labor legislation sought by the progressive Party, Marcantonio declared a vote against his substitute indicated a preference for the Wood Bill. Despite his advice that victory for his amendment would kill the Wood Bill for this session, the vote was 275 to 37 against the measure.

LOSE ON TEST VOTE

Four test votes suggested that the Administration at this stage lacked even the strength to defeat the Wood bill, much less adopt the Lesinski bill it is supporting. The Administration failed three times to pass a motion to end debate on the Wood bill and bring up the bill for a vote. The tallies revealed that the Administration could count on only about 158 votes. The combination of Republicans and southern Democrats mustered a majority of 190 to 200 votes.

These votes brought open offers of Taft-Hartleyized amendments from lesser Administration spokesmen. Rep. Andrew Jacobs (D-Ind), a House freshman upon whom Administration lieutenants placed the responsibility for working out compromises with southern Democrats, announced he had several amendments to tack on the Lesinski bill.

Jacobs said he would offer a revamped version of the Taft-Hartley non-Communist affidavit section which would enable reactionaries in unions to throw progressives and Communists out of union leadership. It adds a meaningless phrase to make corporation leaders sign the affidavit.

OTHER AMENDMENTS

He also announced he knew of "other amendments" that would be offered.

Though pressed by Marcantonio to reveal those amendments, House Administration leaders remained silent. It was an open secret however that they, with the approval of AFL, CIO, and Machinist Union officials were planning to offer Taft-Hartley sections and as amendments to the Lesinski bill to obtain the support of the southern Democrats.

Those Taft-Hartley sections, in adition to the provision for non-Communist afidavits, included provisions for the seizure of strike-

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Extension of Harvester Pact Won by FE

CHICAGO.—Raiding forays by the top leadership of the CIO United Auto Workers were stymied by the contract extension won by the CIO United Farm Equipment Workers from International Harvester. The one year extension, covering 40,000 workers in 22 locals, will run until June 30, 1950.

The agreement was announced about one week after FE members rebuffed a UAW raid in an election at Harvester's McCormick works here. Gerald Fields, director of FE's Harvester Council, said that the extended agreement provided for negotiations on any wages, pension, health and welfare plans which may be presented. It also provides for a permanent arbitrator on grievances.

The day before the extension, the UAW had filed for an election among 3,500 workers at Harvester's Louisville, Ky. plant. Neal Eastman, FE international representative, declared: "We plan to consent to an election immediately, since we have been daring the UAW to a test of strength for two months. We doubt that they have the number of people they say they have, and we are confident of rolling up a big majority in the election."

Field asserted that wages of FE Harvester workers are "second to none in mass industry," higher than at Ford, Chrysler or General Motors.

Harvester plants involved in the agreement are McCormick Tractor and McCormick Twine, both in Chicago; Rock Falls, Rock Island, Carton and East Moline, Ill.; Richmond, Ind.; Auburn, N. Y.; and Louisville.

Bendix Pickets Bar Sheriff from Plant

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (UP). — Sixty United Auto Workers Union pickets Friday prevented a sheriff and six deputies from carrying out a court order to remove Hudson Motor Car Co. brake dies from the strike-bound Bendix Aviation Corp. plant.

Reveal FBI Stoolie Was Spy in AFL, CIO Unions

By Harry Raymond

An FBI anti-labor informer was sitting on the witness stand in a net in her own falsehoods as the trial of the Communist leaders recessed on Friday for the weekend. The witness was Angela Calomiris, who, under defense cross-examination, reluctantly revealed she operated as a secret FBI spy inside the AFL, CIO, American Labor Party, Progressive Party, Greeks for Democratic Action, Anti-fascist Refugee Committee, Congress of American Women, International Workers Order and Local 16 CIO United Office and Professional Workers.

She said she made regular reports to the FBI on activities of these organizations as well as the Communist Party, which she joined in 1942. She said she took photographs for the FBI of persons and groups in these organizations.

It was drawing near recess time when defense attorney Richard Gladstein, who conducted part of the cross-examination, sprung the trap on the devious witness.

"Did you seek to have people in the Communist Party believe you were a good and loyal member?" Gladstein asked.

Judge Harold R. Medina upheld an objection by Assistant U. S. Attorney General Edward Wallace. Medina turned to Gladstein and said:

"She certainly wanted them to believe she was a loyal member."

"Isnt it true, to suit your own purpose, you made false statements to the Communist Party?" the attorney asked.

"That's a broad question," said the witness. She looked toward the prosecution table appealingly.

"You don't remember any specific statement?" the jujdge interjected.

"I don't remember any specific false statements," replied Miss Calomiris.

The witness had previously been shown by defense attorney Louis F. McCabe a Communist Party loyalty pledge which was read at a 1942 meeting which she said she attended with other new members being welcomed into the party. She claimed not to recall reciting that pledge.

Neither could she remember signing a party membership application card, the type signed by all applicants and containing a pledge of loyalty to the party.

"Do you remember ever signing a document stating loyalty to the Communist Party?" Gladstein then asked.

"I don't recall," the witness answered slowly.

Gladstein walked a few paces to the defense table, picked up a one-page typed document, and had the clerk mark it for identification. He handed the paper to the witness.

"Is that your signature?" the attorney asked, pointing to a name penned at the bottom of the paper.

The witness stared at the paper. She appeared to be reading the words typed on it. It was a long time before she finally answered:

"It resembles it."

"Is that your signature?" the lawyer repeated.

"I want to read it," the witness said.

The judge, who had been helping the witness over the rough spots, saw fit to intervene here and

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BRITAIN PAYS HEAVY TOLL FOR THE BERLIN AIRLIFT

LONDON,—The Daily Mirror complained here Friday that young girls, some of them no more than 12, are busy picking up American airmen at Manchester's Central Station. Observers commented that the tabloid—and American spokesmen—blamed not the mature soldiers, but the schoolgirls for the situation. The same observers noted that this was a far cry from the belligerent 'patriotism' with which the press here demanded revenge last week when four British ships decided to meddle in the fighting on China's Yangtze River.

The Daily Mirror, under the tearful headline, "Britain's Good Name Is In Peril," said armies of the teenage girls meet the trains from Burtonwood, the big U. S. airbase 16 miles from Manchester, where 6,000 men are stationed.

The Mirror said the girls and their "dates" usually move on to pubs and then to cheap hotels. Military and civilian police are "powerless" to stop the meetings, the Mirror said. London police, usually "powerless" to stop Mosleyite fascist demonstrations too, never seem to be at a loss to attack Communist meetings here.

"Is this the best Lancashire can do for the 6,000 Americans at Burtonwood?" asked the Mirror.

"Is this the price paid to keep 'em flying the airlift?"

In its outburst, written as if in fear that Marshall Plan funds will be stopped if one tiny word of criticism of things American crept in, the Mirror compared the "good-natured GI's" and the "frightening awful thing of teen age girls, some no more than 12—waiting nightly in twos and threes."

The Mirror did not go so far as ot accuse the children of raping the American airmen, but it strongly hinted it.

Capt. George W. Hill, army press officer at Burtonwood, cynically shrugged off the corruption of minors with the comment that it is "a normal reaction between visiting troops—whatever nationality, in whatever country, and local girls."

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New Mundt Bill Gets Senate Hearing

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON. — A Senate Judiciary Subcommittee headed by Dixiecrat Sen. James O. Eastland (D-Miss) opened hearings Friday on two-police state bills introduced by Karl Mundt (R-SD) and Homer Ferguson (R-Mich). Eastland announced the committee would refuse to hear any witness who declined to say whether or not he was or ever had been a Communist. He said the committee would cite for contempt witnesses whose conduct it decided injured the "dignity and authority" of the Senate.

Ferguson's bill, S-1196, is similar to the measure drafted by the Wiley subcommittee in the 80th Congress. Mundt's measure, S-1194, is a slightly modified version of the Mundt-Nixon bill adopted by the House last June.

Sen. Mundt, appearing as today's first witness, denied his bill would outlaw the Communist Party, but his testimony proved the opposite. He showed how Section Two defined the Communist movement as a "conspiracy to establish a totalitarian dictatorship under foreign domination." Section Four, he said, makes it unlawful for any person to "perform any act" which would "facilitate or aid" in the establishment of a foreign-dominated totalitarian dictatorship.

MUNDT'S INTENTION

From his remarks, it was clear that Mundt intended the bill to apply to the legitimate activities of the Communist Party. Penalties of $10,000 fine and 10 years in prison are provided for persons convicted under this section.

"You will hear Communist witnesses and fellow-travelers who are Communists in disguise, who will say this section is aimed at them," Mundt said. "It is aimed at Communists."

He defined a totalitarian dictatorship as a government which is "not representative in form" and is conducted "by a single political party."

Mundt explained he had added a section providing similar penalties for "peacetime espionage." This section would make it unlawful for a government employe to communicate "in any manner or by any means" to a foreign agent or to an "officer or member of any "Communist organization" any information classified by the President as affecting the national security.

For this section the statute of limitations would not apply and one could be prosecuted under it at any time in the future.

This proposal to nullify the statute of limitations shocked even Eastland and Ferguson. At their insistence, Mundt agreed to a 10-year limitation on prosecutions.

BECOMES "CONSPIRACY"

Mundt attached especial importance to the section which would define communism as an unlawful conspiracy. This could be incorporated into hiring contracts and thus give employers a basis for discharging "subversive" employes, he said. He railed at a California court which recently ordered a Hollywood producer to pay back wages to an employe fired after the Un-American Committee had labeled the employe as a Communist.

Other provisions of the Mundt bill:

It would be unlawful for a government official to employ a person belonging to organizations designated by the Attorney General and a subversive activities commission as Communist or Communist "fronts."

It would be unlawful for members of such organizations to apply for or use passports.

Such organizations would be required to register with the Attorney General and make public their membership lists and other records.

U.S. mails could not be used by such organizations unless their mailings were so stamped.

CP Asks to Testify On Police State Bill

The Communist Party Friday wired a demand to Sen. Pat McCarran (D-Nev), chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, for an opportunity to testify in opposition to the Mundt-Ferguson Bill, which it charged "would outlaw the Communist Party and abrogate the Bill of Rights."

The demand was made by Henry Winston, organizational secretary of the party and one of the defendants in the Foley Square trial.

"We protest the manner by which hearings were suddenly called in an effort to rush through this police state legislation," said Winston.

Chiang Troops Reported Fleeing From Hangchow

SHANGHAI. — Kuomintang troops are retreating southward from Hangchow, it was reported, and it appeared that the key city would fall to the Liberation Army.

Telephoned reports from the seaport and resort town, 100 miles south of Shanghai, said Kuomintang troops were moving the bulk of their forces south across the Tsientang River. Liberation of Hangchow would isolate Shanghai from south China and trap hundreds of thousands of Kuomintang troops.

Large Kuomintang forces meanwhile retreated from Soochow south to Kashing, midway between Shanghai and Hangchow on Shanghai's one remaining rail line. Reports from there indicated that Kashing, too, would be abandoned without a struggle.

The Liberation radio announced that forces were moving southward at an average rate of 50 miles a day toward the Shanghai-Hangchow railway.

Last reports placed Liberation troops about 35 miles west of Shanghai but it was conceded by Kuomintang officials here that they might have driven nearer.

They were believed driving east from liberated Soochow in two columns, threatening to outflank Kuomintang defenses at Kunshan, 25 miles from Shanghai. Bulk of the Liberation troops, however, were said to have moved south along a railway spur toward Hangchow.

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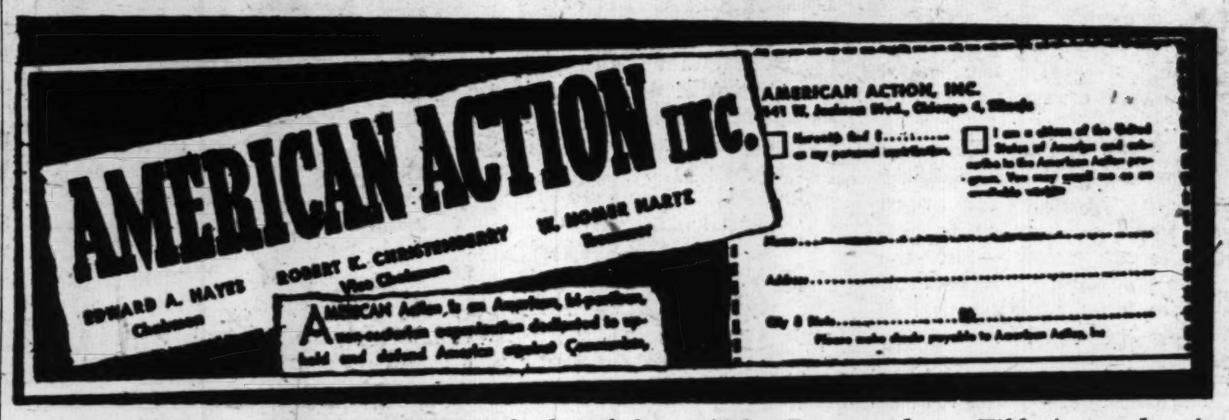
Employers in Shanghai met in emergency session Friday with officials of the central bank to discuss payroll needs. The employers need an estimated two trillion Chinese gold yuan (paper dollars) to pay off their workers. The central bank said it could furnish only 900 billion gold yuan.

Some firms already were reported distributing their own products as a salary. One American oil company, for instance, issued 70,000 tins of kerosene as pay.

Some firms may offer checks to meet their payrolls, but these are

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MILLIONAIRE PRO-FASCIST WHO WILL LEAD WAR PARADE



ROBERT K. CHRISTENBERRY, leader of the anti-May Day parade on Fifth Ave. today, is listed as one of the chiefs of the pro-fascist American Action Committee in the letter head of the committee reproduced here. (See story on Page 1.)

NLRB Rules For CIO Vet

WASHINGTON (UP). — The National Labor Relations Board Friday ruled that an employer must pay GI benefits to a war veterans job trainee illegally dismissed because of his membership in the CIO United Furniture Workers.

The board found that the Taylor Manufacturing Co., Morristown, Tenn., had fired Carl W. Holt because of his union membership in violation of the Taft-Hartley Law. It ordered the company to pay holt back wages.

Peace Fight Keys May Day March

New York workers will pour down Eighth Avenue to Union Square this Saturday in the biggest May Day tide in the city's history, it was indicated by the reports from participating unions.

War veterans, AFL, CIO and independent unionists, many thousands of members of fraternal and tenants organization and artists and writers and actors will march with colorful and dramatic floats telling the story of the struggles of the people today.

Several dozen bands will provide the marching music for the 200 organizations taking part in the great parade.

"This will be the most colorful May Day parade since the first great May Day demonstration in 1886," predicted Sam Weisman, executive director of the United Labor and Peoples Committee for May Day.

Huge life-like figures of William Z. Foster, Eugene Dennis and the 10 other Communist leaders, who are being framed by the Federal Court, will be borne by the marchers.

The story of the fight to save the six Trenton Negro boys, waiting execution, in the death chamber, will also be told in other stirring floats. And the sad and dignified figure of Mrs. Ingram, who is suffering a living death in the Georgia prison, will be presented.

The official line of march in Saturday's May Day parade appears on Page 22.

Giant effigies of the warmongers, who set up the Atlantic Pact in preparaton for the bloodbath they invision, will also be carried.

AND LABOR'S FIGHT to crush the plot to continue the fascist Taft-Hartley law will be dramatically depicted by the May Day Committee's artists.

American Chinese workers will join other May Day marchers in celebrating the magnificent victories of the Chinese liberation armies that are sweeping their native land free of the fascists and landlords.

Japanese Americans will also march in the Far Eastern continent of the great May Day procession.

Weisman commented on the cold response of New Yorkers to the anti-May Day parade held on Fifth Ave. last year.

The warmongers are staging another anti-May Day parade on Fifth Avenue again this Saturday with the help of discredited fascists from Europe, some veterans' leaders and members of a church hierachy, and afew reactionary labor leaders and President Truman's Secretary of Labor.

The war parade will march under the windows of the millionaires of Fifth Ave., while the peace forces march through the working-class streets of the West Side.

Port Meeting Assails National NMU Officers

A special New York port membership meeting of the National Maritime Union Friday unanimously condemned the union's national officers for failure, as instructed, to send to other ports and publish in the Pilot, the port's stand in opposition to a proposal to bar Communists from membership.

The meeting directed port agent David Drummond to present its stand to the union's national officers and to demand immediate carrying out of the wishes of last Monday's meeting. That meeting voted 1,585 against 85 in opposition to the referendum proposal sponsored by president Joseph Curran's clique.

Another special meeting was set for Monday to take further steps if the national office turns down the meeting's instructions.

The 600 attending yesterday's special meeting were told that all port meetings, except that of New Orleans, voted overwhelmingly against a referendum for the amendment.

The meeting also heard a report that Gulf port agents, Joe Curran's main support, are sponsoring resolutions demanding the expulsion of vice-president Jack Lawrenson and New York port agent Drumond for their opposition to insertion of the Hitler

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Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

Press dispatches from China speak of the People's Army being "ahead of schedule." Must be that their clocks are on peace-saving time.

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The warmakers can't get over the sight of the British and U. S. fleets turning tail before the Chinese workers and peasants. It's a resounding blow to sea-power — not to mention seize-power.

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The brass hats in the Pentagon are wondering what the Chinese civil war shows about the effectiveness of American arms — since that is what both sides are using.

Jessup, Malik In 2d Parley On Berlin

A second conference on Berlin held by U. S. Ambassador Philip C. Jessup and Soviet delegate to the UN Jacob A. Malik was held Friday, but no statement was issued. The conference was held at the Soviet UN headquarters on Park Avenue.

Jessup announced after the meeting ended that a statement might be forthcoming from the American delegation to the UN later in the evening. None had been issued at press time.

Ted Tinsley Says appears Tuesday and Thursday and in the weekend Worker.

Leaders of Communist Party Greet Working Class on May Day, 1949

The National Committee of the Communist Party this week issued its May Day greetings to the working people of America. The complete statement follows:

To the working men and women of America—May Day greetings from the Communist Party!

On this May Day, new and terrible dangers beset the American workers and people.

The "cold war" has entered a new phase—the phase of Wall Street's advanced military preparations for war against the Soviet Union, the phase of the North Atlantic war alliance whose ratification would wreck the United Nations peace charter and lead to world war.

The growth of fascism in the United States has been undermining the Bill of Rights. Now every democratic right is threatened with destruction.

Mounting unemployment and part-time employment are taking a heavy toll of our living standards. The developing new economic crisis menaces our people with catastrophe.

Never before was there such need for the working people of our country and of the world to strengthen their unity, their action.

American labor has long kept capacity for united and effective May Day as a day for demonstrating its will to united struggle. Workers of all lands have dedicated this day to international working class solidarity. This May Day the will to struggle is rising among the American workers, and the world camp of peace, democracy, progress and socialism grows stronger and more effective everywhere.

The forces of labor and the people can win—if they organize, unite and struggle against monopoly in the spirit of May Day's great tradition! Act together now to stop Wall Street's drive to war and fascism!

LIVING STANDARDS

Negro and white workers, trade unionists, employed and unemployed workers, women and young workers—what is happening to our living standards in this rich land? Our just wage demands are rejected, speed-up increases, mass layoffs mount—while the giant trusts pile up ever more gigantic profits.

Our taxes bolster European reaction instead of building American homes. We need more social security, more hospitals, more schools—but the wealth we produce is used to stockpile atom bombs and buy weapons of mass destruction and death.

The "cold war" promoted by the Truman Administration and the GOP is preparing total disaster for our people. How will we defend ourselves—if not in united action against the "cold war" profiteers?

Act together—now—to gain substantial wage increases, end speedup, win equal job opportunities and wages for the Negro workers, provide for the needs of the unemployed!

Oppose the war appropriations—increase the funds for social services! Tax the monopolists and multi-millionaires—make them pay for the economic crisis their war policy is deepening! Strengthen the united action of Negro and white workers, trade unionists and unemployed workers, of all progressives, non-Communists and Communists!

DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS

Workers and working farmers, sons and daughters of the Negro people, Americans of the national groups, professionals who serve the people—what is happening to our democratic rights, to the legacy of Jefferson and Lincoln?

Truman and the GOP have shelved Taft-Hartley repeal and civil rights legislation. Those who are in a hurry to rush through the North Atlantic war pact filibuster against polltax repeal. Those who want to launch a "preventive" atomic war do nothing to prevent lynching.

The "cold war" is war against the Bill of Rights and the trade unions and all people's organizations. It is thought control, imprisonment without bail, increased violence against the masses of the national groups.

Sixty-three years ago, May Day was baptized in the blood of the framed Chicago Haymarket Martyrs, who led American labor's united struggle for the eight-hour day. This year, a more desperate frameup is in the making in the political heresy trial of the 12 Communist leaders.

The Wall Street monopolies and their government are determined to outlaw the Communist Party, the leader of the people's struggles of today. In the courts, the Congress, the state legislatures, the drive to outlaw the Communist Party is advancing the rise of a police state. In the streets, the anti-Communists, the Ku Klux Klan, reactionary leaders of the American Legion and the Catholic War Veterans are inciting fascist violence against those who work for peace and democracy.

How will we defend the democratic rights of the American people—if not in united struggle to stop this Wall Street drive toward fascist dictatorship? How will we defend our trade union rights—if not in united struggle against the betrayals of the reactionary trade union officials who cannot fight Taft-Hartleyism because they are Wall Street's accomplices in the "cold war?"

Act together—NOW—to check the growth of fascism and preserve the Bill of Rights! Unite labor and all progressives in militant action for repeal of the Taft-Hartley slave law and restoration of the Wagner Labor Relations Act! Defend the right of the Negro people to full economic, political and social equality!

Defend the trade unions and all people's organizations! Defeat the conspiracy to outlaw the Communist Party!

RIGHT TO ADVOCATE CHANGE

We progressive Americans, non-Communists and Communists, are children of a land that once opened new frontiers of social progress. What of our right to advocate social changes and work for social progress—what of our future?

How will the American peo-

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Sees Sure Victory in China, Then Swift Industrialization

HONG KONG (Telepress).—"Our victory in China is of great historic importance not only for China but for the whole world because it considerably changes the relation of forces between the democratic and anti-democratic camps," declared Yen Pi-shih, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, speaking at the first all-Chinese congress of the new Democratic Youth in Peiping.

The basic defeat of the reactionary Kuomintang forces is the main feature of the present situation in China, and the Chinese revolution has a great meaning for the struggle of hundreds of millions of people in South Eastern Asia against imperialism, the speaker added.

The victory of the Chinese People's Army will be completed soon, Yen Pi-shih stated. After Japan's capitulation, when Chinese Kuomintang reaction supported by American imperialism started the civil war, the armed forces of the Kuomintang numbered 4,300,000. Within two years and nine months the People's Army had annihilated almost 3,000,000 Kuomintang troops. The Kuomintang forces have slimed down to 1,100,000 and less than 100,000 reserve troops.

In this period the Chinese Liberation Army has grown from 1,000,000 to 3,000,000, and its equipment now equals the best American equipment of the Kuomintang forces.

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THE PEOPLE'S ARMY has liberated an area of 2,600,000 square kilometers, which is 27 percent of the entire Chinese territory. The liberated areas include the whole of Manchuria and practically all the territory north of the middle and lower parts of the Yangtze River with its over 200,000,000 inhabitants.

In an area inhabitated by more than 100,000,000 people, far-reaching land reform has been carried out, Yen Pi-shih stated. The liberated areas contain important centers of heavy and light industry and basic raw materials including coal, iron, cotton, timber, grain, salt and oil.

The Communist Party of China has 3,000,000 members in the liberated areas, Yen Pi-shih added. Millions of citizens are members of mass organizations of workers, youth and women. Never before has the Kuomintang and American imperialism been so completely isolated from the Chinese people as now. No amount of American help can save the Kuomintang regime, the speaker said.

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THE PRIMARY TASK which faces the Chinese people now is the final defeat of the Kuomintang armies and the breaking up of its reactionary apparatus. This aim will be achieved, Yen Pi-shih explained, for the Liberation Army can annihilate the remainder of the Kuomintang forces within six months or one year.

After final victory has been reached, the central government of the new democratic state must be formed and the unification of the whole of China realized. In the words of Mao Tse-tung, victory is only the first step; when the broad development of the Chinese economy has started, when China is transformed from an agricultural country to a country with developed industry, becoming economically independent of other countries—only then can the question of the independence and sovereignty of China be ultimately solved.

"To make China economically independent, we must not only rebuild her destroyed industries within three to five years, but we must, by means of planning, raise the part of industry in the whole Chinese economy from its present place of 10 percent to 30 or 40 percent within the 10 to 15 years," Yen Pi-shih stated.

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THE PEOPLE'S living standard can be raised and an alliance between the workers and peasants achieved only through the industrialization of China, in which the towns will play a leading role in relation to the countryside. This will create the basis for the building of socialism. The period in which the main stress was on the work in the countryside is over and a new period has started in which the focus of work is transferred to the towns, which must lead the countryside. However, the work in the countryside must not be neglected and work in both towns and countryside must be coordinated.

Liberation Armies Executing Mao Tze-tung's Order of Day

NANKING, China.—The people of fast-shrinking Kuomintang-held China are carrying out the radioed instructions of Communist leaders Mao Tze-tung and Chu Teh to give "every assistance" to the advancing People's Liberation Armies and to maintain order until they arrive.

As the epic significance of the Chinese people's victories first began to sink into the consciousness of the capitalist world's policy-makers and editorial-writers, the People's Liberation Armies continued to advance across the face of China in keeping with the now-historic Order of the Day of Mao Tzt-tung and Chu Teh.

That order told the Chinese people's soldiers:

- **Advance boldly; resolutely, thoroughly, wholly and completely annihilate all the Kuomintang reactionaries in China who dare to resist; liberate the people of the whole country and defend the independence and integrity of Chinese territory and sovereignty.**
- **Advance boldly and arrest all diehard war criminals. Arrest and bring them to justice and punish them according to law no matter where they flee to. Pay special attention to the arrest of their ringleader—Chiang Kai-shek.**
- **Bring the final amended version of the agreement on domestic peace to the notice of all Kuomintang local governments with those who are willing to cease fighting and solve the nation's problems by peaceful means according to the general sense of the final amended version.**

Trial of the Communists

Medina Doesn't Like Laughter

When Charles Nicodemus, an anti-labor spy, was arrested in Pittsburgh, January, 1948, with his lady friend, Mrs. Louise Trail, and indicted for prowling around the town with two loaded pistols, he rushed to the FBI and sought help. The FBI, combing the underworld at that time for characters to be presented as witnesses against the Communist Party, welcomed the gun-toter. Nicodemus dreamed up a fascist shocker in which Albert Lannon, Maryland Communist leader at the time, was pictured as outlining a mythical Red Army invasion of Alaska, Canada and Detroit.



JUDGE MEDINA

Nicodemus told the FBI the story. He pleaded guilty to the gun rap. The whole thing was mysteriously fixed and he was turned loose. He appeared as a witness in the trial of the Communist leaders, apparently to repay the FBI for the nice fix in the gun rap, and retold the tale. It was so ludicrous that both courtroom spectators and the Communist defendants greeted it with a spontaneous outburst of sceptical smiles and laughter.

Judge Harold R. Medina, trial

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Dr. Rubinstein Charges Rivals Back Cold War

By Arnold Sroog

A strong campaign against the North Atlantic Pact by American Labor Party candidate Dr. Annette T. Rubinstein has highlighted the special election for Congress in Manhattan's 20th district.

With her race in high gear, following a speech in the district by Henry Wallace last Tuesday, Dr. Rubinstein has hammered at the "100 percent agreement" on the cold war between her three opponents. While a bitter inner fight among the Democrats has captured attention, no differences on issues have arisen between the three cold war candidates.

Opposing Dr. Rubinstein for the seat made vacant by the death of Rep. Sol Bloom are Magistrate Benjamin Shalleck, Democrat, William H. McIntyre, Republican, and Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., Liberal. Most blatantly pro-war of these three candidates has been Roosevelt, who has urged that U. S. foreign policy not be "too defensive."

While no division exists between these three candidates on the peace question, the same is true on other issues also. Even McIntyre, the Republican, an official of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., has claimed support of rent control, for example. The only difference that exists between candidates in the campaign on issues is that between Dr. Rubinstein and her three opponents, both on foreign and domestic policy.

While Shalleck and Roosevelt,

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Says Junior Betrays FDR's Program for UN

Dr. Annette T. Rubinstein, American Labor Party candidate for Congress from Manhattan's 20th district, Friday denounced her Liberal Party opponent for "stabbing the United Nations in the back by his support of the war-breeding North Atlantic Pact."

"The program of President Roosevelt for peace through the UN is being betrayed by all the cold war candidates—Democratic, Republican and Liberal," said Dr. Rubinstein. In answering a questionnaire from the United World Federalists, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., the Liberal candidate, stated his strong support of the pact.

"The North Atlantic Pact divides the world for war instead of uniting it for peace," continued the ALP candidate. "By its very terms the Atlantic War Pact nullifies the whole purpose and spirit of the UN."

Rep. Vito Marcantonio, ALP state chairman, Friday blasted Robert Blaikie, Democratic leader in the 7th Assembly District, who sponsored the candidacy of Roosevelt, for his role in the pier scandals of 1947 which saw the removal of I. James Brody, then Deputy Commissioner of Marine and Aviation. Marcantonio noted as "significant" that the self-styled anti-corruption candidate, Roosevelt, was being sponsored by the backer of the only public official found to be involved in "graft, crime and corruption."

"Blaikie as well as Sampson (Frank Sampson, former Tammany chief) were the beneficiaries of the use of undue influence by Brody, which resulted in the turning over of insurance business to the firm of Sampson and Blaikie," said the ALP leader.

Crowe Enters Plea Of Insanity; Gets Bail

Richard Crowe, who stole $884,000 from the National City Bank where he worked as assistant manager, pleaded innocent by reason of insanity Friday and was set free in $10,000 bail.

Federal Judge Sylvester Ryan warned Crowe, however:

"I don't want you to take it into your head to do any extensive traveling. If you do, you will be dealt with most severely. I want no nonsense from you."

Peter F. Gulotta, Crowe's attorney, was given until May 10 for completion of a psychiatric examination of his client.

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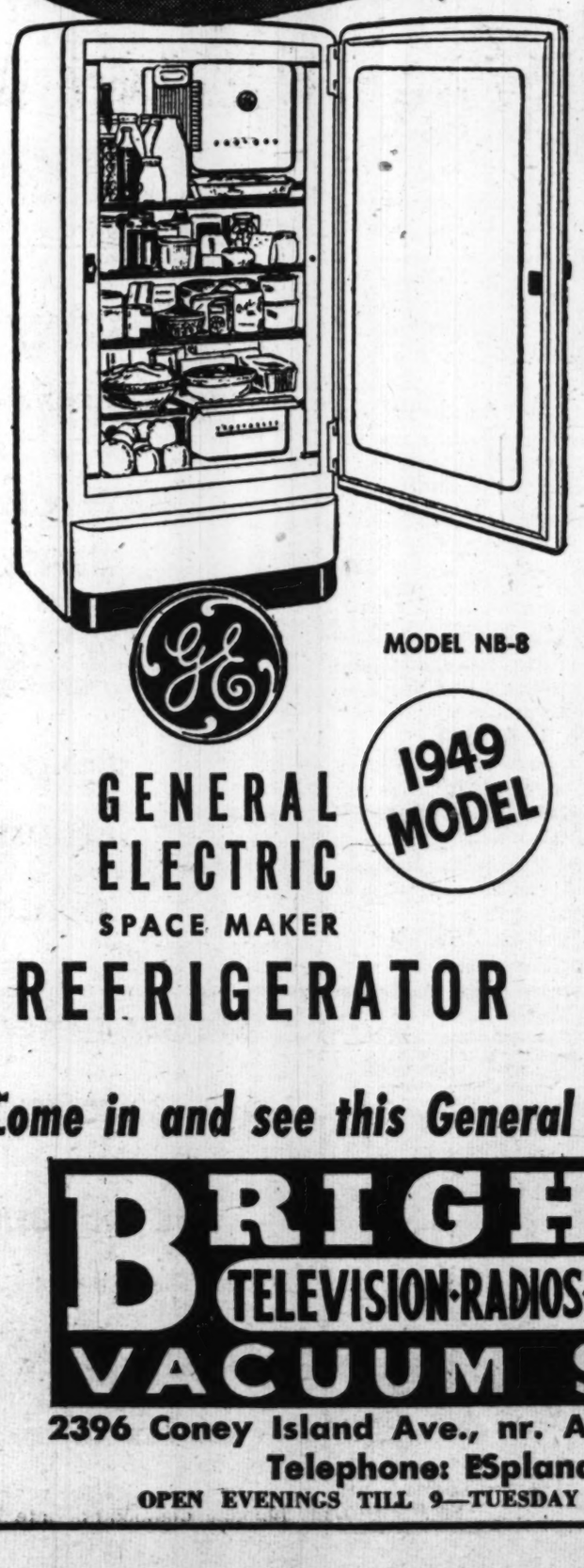
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Georgia Negro Editor Faces Prison Term

Larkin Marshall, outstanding Negro leader of Georgia and editor of the **Macon World**, a national figure in the Progressive Party, may serve six months in a Georgia prison camp unless he wins a new trial at a hearing in Macon, Georgia, on Saturday, April 30.

Such a sentence is equivalent to a death penalty for Marshall who is 69 years old.

Marshall, who was nominated by the Progressive Party last year to oppose Dixiecrat Senator Russell, received a sentence of six six months in prison or a $500 fine in a three-day trial last month. A phony criminal libel suit had been entered against his paper and an all-white jury found him guilty in 20 minutes.

This issue of The Worker publishes a profile in the magazine section of the Negro editor which describes Marshall's outstanding leadership and heroism. The Klan has burned a cross in front of his home and is threatening him unless he "gets out of town."

He has reiterated his determination to stand fast and help his people and continue the fight of the Progressive Party in the South.

Councilman Benjamin J. Davis received a letter several days ago from Mr. Marshall which said, in part: "Your kind and ever welcome letter came to hand today and it was indeed heartening to hear from you and to realize that you were thinking of my case in spite of yours. I feel that you are going to win despite all obstacles. We shall do what we can to mold sentiment and help in any way we can."

Then, referring to his own case, Marshall said, "We are holding a rally here (in Macon) Sunday and I hope to be able to raise some money at this meeting as the case comes up for argument April 30." He said "The **Macon World** has been a free lancer in spite of everything. They want it to die. So you can see what I am up against."

The Civil Rights Congress, which is defending Marshall has urged all its members, all fair-minded Americans, all readers of this paper to rush funds to help pay the fine. Funds are also needed to defray the legal expenses in the move to win a new trial.

Funds should be sent immediately to the Civil Rights Congress, Room 1613, 205 E. 42nd St., New York City.



JOHN SANTO

John Santo To Leave U.S.

Permission for John Santo, former organization director for the Transport Workers Union, to withdraw his appeal against the deportation proceedings in his case and to leave the United States voluntarily within 60 days was granted Friday by the Board of Immigration Appeals.

Santo's desire to leave the United States was based on the fact that his efforts to become a citizen of this country had proved futile despite his three years of service in the United States Army during World War II, declared Abner Green, executive secretary of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born. Santo prefers to go to Europe where fuller opportunities are afforded to pursue a useful and productive social existence, Green said.

"The fight against the Justice Department deportation drive will continue in the defense of the 79 other non-citizens who have also been selected for persecution in the present hysteria," said Green. "We are confident that this deportation drive will be defeated and that these non-citizens will eventually be granted their American citizenship."

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Foreign Briefs

SOVIET UNION CHIEF RIDICULES SLAVE LABOR' SLANDER

MOSCOW. — Opening the first post-war congress of Soviet unions, Vassily Kuznetsov denounced as "vicious slander" the claims of AFL leaders that there is slave labor in Russia. The Soviet labor leader also assailed rightwing CIO and British union chiefs for seeking to "disrupt and destroy" the World Federation of Trade Unions. But the WFTU "exists and is growing," he told the congress attended by fraternal delegates from 21 nations.

STATE DEP'T PRIME MOVER OF MINDSZENTY PROVOCATION

LAKE SUCCESS. — The U. S. bloc pushed through the United Nations Assembly a resolution to put the trials of Cardinal Mindszenty and 15 Bulgarian Protestant clerics jailed as spies on the Assembly's agenda. The vote was 34 to 6, with 11 abstentions. One provision of the resolution recommends withholding of any UN action pending on the question of efforts to utilize the peace treaties with Hungary and Bulgaria.

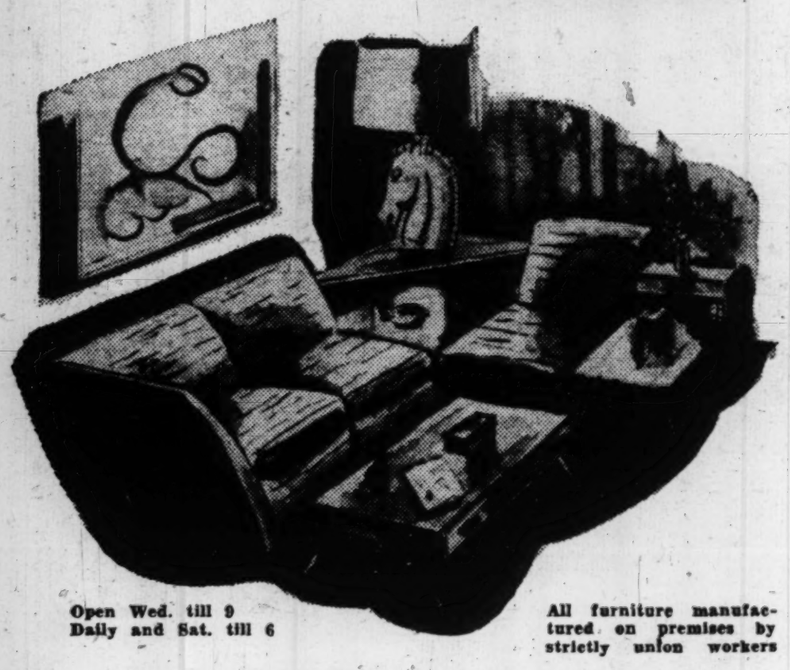
TRUMAN WANTS BILLION MORE FOR ANTI-SOVIET REGIMES

WASHINGTON.—Another billion dollar handout for anti-democratic regimes and war was demanded by the Truman administration when Secretary of State Acheson laid before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee recommendations for $1,400,000,000 to go to Greece, Turkey and South Korea and all the 11 signers of the North Atlantic Pact.



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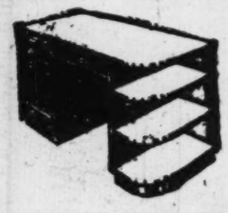


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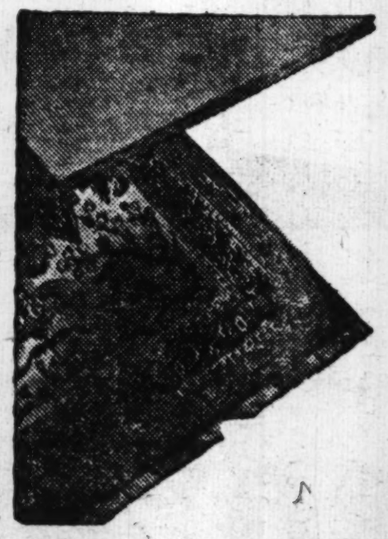
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Say India Gov't Now Tied to Anglo-U.S. Bloc

LONDON, April 28.—An Indian Communist Party spokesman today said of the decision of the Nehru government to continue allegiance to the British monarch as a member of the commonwealth that "this decision means India has joined the Anglo-American bloc."

In Commons, Winston Churchill said he was "unfeignedly glad" at the decision which would permit India to remain an 'independent' republic and a member of the empire commonwealth. Churchill said that neither the "majesty of the Crown nor the personal dignity of the king" is thereby impaired, but that "on the contrary the vital significance and value of the monarchy seems enhanced."

But the decision reached by the conference of Commonwealth statesmen yesterday drew slams from other Indian sources as well as from the Communist Party. Chaudry Akbar Khan, president of the Indian Workers Association, said "India should have followed Eire's suit and cut adrift from the commonwealth." Even the Socialists complained that "this will create difficulties for India's policy of neutrality."

Old-line imperialist spokesmen were lavish with their praise for the "Labor" government's achievement in reaching the agreement.

Leopold S. Amery, former Secretary of State for India, called it the "wise and courageous decision."

Clement Davis, Liberal Party leader, hailed Prime Minister Attlee's "Tact and understanding."

WAR PACT WILL BE COSTLY TO LIBERTIES, SAYS WALLACE

By Ruby Cooper

CHICAGO.—The Atlantic war pact will be costly to the American people in terms of their material welfare and liberties as well as crushing financial burdens, Henry A. Wallace declared here tonight.

Wallace's address here was the first in his nationwide peace tour, on which he is being accompanied by Lester Hutchinson, British Labor Party member of Parliament, and Michele Giua, left Socialist senator of Italy.

Wallace and his European guests spoke before a huge crowd at the Chicago Coliseum. Earlier, they addressed a student rally at the University of Chicago.

COST TO FREEDOM

"The domestic impact of a foreign policy that prepares for war," Wallace declared, is that "you can't have your cake and eat it too."

"I almost believe that you could work out a mathematical formula for the cost of the North Atlantic military alliance.

"For every dollar spent for arms, for every dollar you lose in welfare, you lose its equivalent in human freedom. Nobody gets the freedom, nobody gets the welfare, and the arms are a complete and utter waste."

"If Truman and Acheson will act in good faith as Truman says the Russians are acting," he added, "then we can have peace and we won't need armed pacts."

Immediate effects of the cold war and the pact can already be seen in moves to destroy civil rights and prevent repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law, Wallace asserted.

"Chancellor Hutchins of the University of Chicago has demonstrated that the redbaiters can't stand being baited by the truth. They can't stand up when you tell them that it is they, not a handful of Communists, who are undermining our institutions.

He charged that the Truman Administration was "selling out" on its pledge to repeal the Taft-Hartley Law because if "the administration wants an armed pact and an arms economy, it must demand the right to control labor, the right to interfere with labor's rights."

CORRECTION

Yesterday's Daily Worker mistakenly said that David Freedman was the attorney for Morris Pottish who obtained an order from Supreme Court Judge Morris Eder ordering his reinstatement in the American Veterans Committee. Pottish was his own attorney.

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Communist Party Leaders Greet Working Class on May Day

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ple defend their right to pioneer in the "pursuit of happiness"—if not in united struggle against the economic royalists and warmongers who would make it heresy to believe in the principles of scientific socialism, and to teach the world-liberating principles of Marxism-Leninism? How will American workers defend the right to work for progress—if not in the united struggle against the reactionary trade union officials and right-wing "Socialists" like Green, Murray, Reuther, Dubinsky, who mislead and deceive the people while reaction turns the clock back?

Defend the right to work for progress by uniting to defeat the frameup of the Communist leaders! Defend the right to learn about socialism, the system that abolishes man's exploitation of man and will forever end the threat of economic crisis, reaction, fascism and war!

Working men and women, peace-loving Americans! The war is being prepared—but World War III is not inevitable, and it is not treason to unite for peace!

On this May Day the war drums beat in Wall Street and Washington. But only Wall Street's quislings in Western Europe and their servants in the United States respond. Wherever workers and plain people gather, the appeal is to solidarity, the call to united struggle for peace, as in the Paris World Peace Conference.

The threat of war does not come from countries whose governments are headed by the working class and its Communist leaders, and truly represent the majority of the people. Peace flies on the banners of the mighty Soviet Union, which is ready to settle all differences peacefully. The call to united action for peace sounds from the new people's democracies of eastern Europe, thunders in the victorious march of the people's armies of the new China, grows louder in England, France and Italy, and rallies the national liberation movements of the colonial world.

It is those who threaten our living standards, our democratic rights, our social progress who threaten the independence of nations and the peace of the world. How will we defend the peace—our lives and the lives of our children—if not in united struggle against the war-making American trusts? How will we struggle successfully for peace, if not in friendship and solidarity with the great and growing movement of the peace-loving peoples which this May Day demonstrates its strength throughout the world?

Stop Wall Street's drive to World War III—Build the unity of all who struggle for peace, at home and abroad!

Defeat the North Atlantic war pact!—make a pact of peace and friendship with the Soviet Union!

Check the rise of fascism—defend the Bill of Rights!

Repeal Taft-Hartley—restore the Wagner Act!

Secure equal rights for the Negro people! End Jimcrow! Make lynching a capital crime punishable by death!

Outlaw anti-Semitism and all forms of discrimination!

Defeat the frameup of the Communist Party and leaders!

Make the monopolists pay for the developing economic crisis!

Protect the living standards of labor and the people!

Hail the world-liberating teachings of Marxism-Leninism, the principles of socialism!

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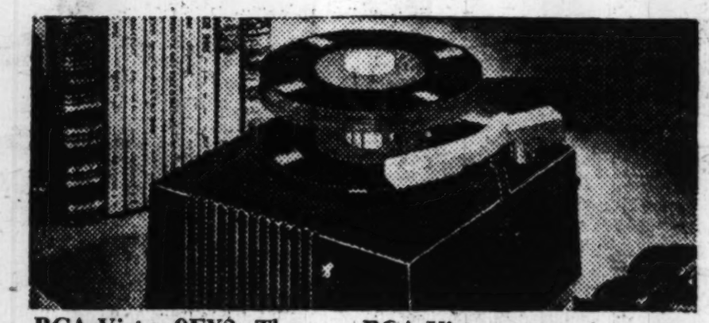
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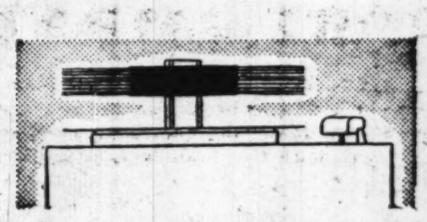
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Atlantic Pact and The Slums of D. C.

By Joseph Starobin

Did you see that photo in the papers—the five Senators exploring the slums that lie within a stone's throw of the United States Capitol? It was a week ago Wednesday, one of those photos that describe things better than books, the prize photos that tell a hundred years of history. There they were, the two Negro women, standing with folded arms in front of the shacks, and there were the five Senators, discovering America.

"Pleasant Court" is the name of one alley. It boasts of an outdoor toilet among the garbage cans, and the Senators learned that a man froze to death in that privy last winter. Rooms not larger than 12 by 12 in which 10 people live—"if you can call that living," said a Senator. And the water comes from an outdoor faucet, alongside the rubbish and litter.

Negro and white Americans in their "home, sweet home," but mostly Negroes. And close to 15 million Americans, said the Senator, live in such slums in the year 1949. Not "Moscow propaganda," you understand. The Senator said so himself.

And then they proceeded to vote the housing bill. "Mr. Douglas conceded," said the news report, "that the Administration-supported measure . . . did not require that a like number of slum units be abolished (for every new house built) but he expressed the hope that the administration of the program would be in that direction."

The Senator hopes. The new houses may be built within six years, but the slums won't be cleared. For the Americans who live in the shadow of the United States Capitol don't have the jobs or the wages for new housing. And Negro citizens can't live in most of them, anyhow. Jimcrow, that old American custom, which the Senators have done nothing about.

Just ponder this photo a minute. Exactly why should this solemn Negro girl in the frayed sweater be an enthusiastic supporter of the Atlantic Pact? Why, as Paul Robeson asked in Paris the other day, should her father, her husband, her boy friend, her children die for the sake of the slums?

How does Communism threaten her "way of life?" How, exactly how? By clearing the slums of Europe and Asia, by abolishing racial discrimination? Is that why she is "threatened?"

And is Attorney General Tom Clark "saving this girl from Communism" by putting 11 American Communists on trial in New York? Are the Communists responsible for those slums in Washington, perhaps?

For the Senators have voted a billion and a quarter toward new housing. But they have appropriated more than 20 billions for guns and tanks and planes. The Negro woman in the frayed sweater did not ask the Senators why. She just stood there and watched the unexpected visitors, stood there with folded hands. The Senators came and went, and voted a bill which won't clear the slums, and then passed on to other business, like the Atlantic Pact.

"Virgil", a cartoon by Len Kleis, appears daily in the Daily Worker and in the weekend Worker.

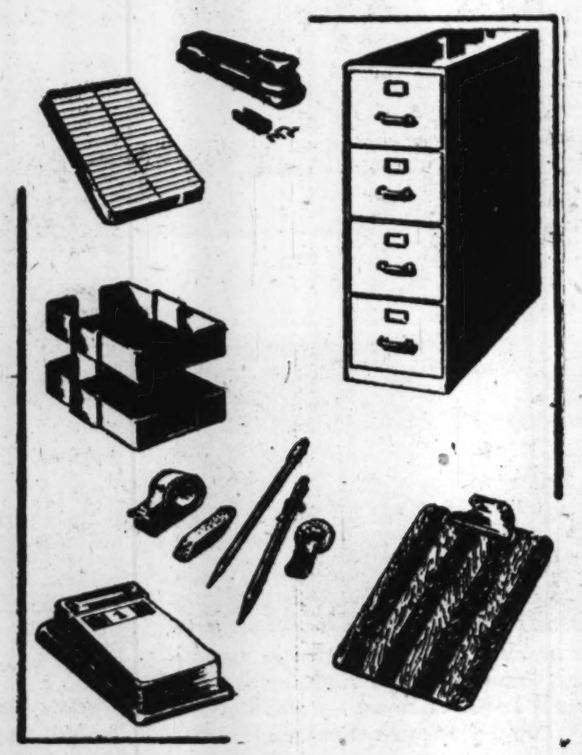
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Paris Congress Spurs Peace Drive Against War Forces

PARIS.—All reports and speeches made to the World Peace Congress gave high promise that a strong program of action will be carried back to the respective countries of the delegates.

One of the points submitted by a congress preparation committee called for the organization of "partisans for peace."

Pietro Nenni, Italian leftwing Socialist leader, in his opening speech emphasized that "we are not a congress of conscientious objectors but a world congress of fighters."

Dr. Frederick Joliot-Curie, French atomic energy high commissioner and chairman of the congress, also called for a "peace offensive against the forces of war."

Joliot-Curie is a member of the French Communist Party.

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OTHER POINTS discussed by 2,000 delegates were:

- **The world armament race and how to curb it.**
- **Role of the United Nations in keeping peace.**
- **A counter offensive against the war propaganda.**
- **Respect for national sovereignty.**
- **The role of economic relations in keeping peace.**
- **The role of women and youth in the struggle for peace.**

Delegates here considered it indicative of the peace sentiment existing among the people of U. S.'s immediate neighbors that Mexico is represented not only by Vicente Lombardo Toledano, president of the Latin American Federation of Labor but by former president of Mexico, Lazaro Cardenas. Cardenas is a vicepresident of the congress.

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THE BIGGEST OVATION of the congress went to Paul Robeson, noted Negro singer, who interrupted a European concert tour to come to the congress.

He sang "Joe Hill," a ballad of a labor hero murdered in a frame-up and related it to the case of the 12 Communist leaders who are currently on trial in New York.

He called upon the congress to send a message of support to the men on trial.

When it was reported that many delegates from Eastern Europe, the Soviet Union, and other countries, who had been refused visas by the French government to attend the congress, had organized a peace conference in Prague, a representative of the Paris meeting was dispatched to coordinate the efforts of the meetings.

An analysis of the Congress delegations showed a total of 2,005 members from 72 countries of whom 674 were workers, 316 farmers and landworkers, 405 intellectuals, including 73 artists, 103 lawyers, 62 writers, 31 scientists.

Even Paris, city of great people's demonstrations, has never seen anything like the scene at Buffalo Stadium last Sunday when an estimated 130,000 people packed every inch of the stadium field. At last five times that many lined the streets outside with peace banners, peace slogans and peace songs.

French Workers Won't Spy on Delegates

By Rhoda Miller

PARIS (Telepress). — The astounding demand made to the French Government by the United States Embassy here that microphones be installed in hotel rooms of delegates to the World Peace Congress to record private conversations for the State Department and FBI secret police files could not be carried out, I learn, because technicians to do this dirty job could not be found.

This is the only case, however, in which the French government has failed to oblige in every detail of the direction drawn up in Washington to restrict by every possible means the scope and activities of the great peace gathering which begins here tomorrow.

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Foster Will Speak

JUDGE MEDINA has finally agreed to let W. Z. Foster, chairman of the Communist Party, state his views in writing to the Court and jury.

Writing from a sick bed, Foster refused to be gagged, and insisted on the right to defend himself. His victory is a tribute to himself and the movement in his behalf. It shows that victories can be won.



FOSTER

The fact is that public opinion could not understand—and said so—why the Court refused the main defendant in the case—the chairman of the Party—the right to testify in writing after court physicians adjudged him too ill to appear in person.

The case of the prosecution was so clearly aimed at what Foster had said and done in the re-organization of the Communist Party in 1945 that the position taken by the Court became untenable.

Foster's 50-year record of devoted service to the American labor movement, his struggle for a Marxist-Leninist position of opposition to Big Capital during the days of Earl Browder's revisionist leadership, are vital elements in the defense.

As the Foley Square frame-up rolls on, the press continues to deceive the public in a manner seldom matched even in the rowdiest days of Hearstian "yellow journalism." Vital points of the defense are never reported. Stool-pigeon "evidence" is carefully played up — but the cross-examination which rips this hired "evidence" is suppressed.

The Court's systematic exclusion of vital material for the defense is never mentioned. The judge's angry remarks which indicate his belief that the defendants are guilty are glossed over, while every effort is made to depict the defendants as "persecuting" the judge.

But the truth will out. The public, from coast to coast, must get the facts. As it does, it will join the fight to halt this infamous effort to outlaw a political philosophy and its classic books.

Robeson Places the Issue

PAUL ROBESON, great Negro artist and leader, told the world that he did not believe that his fellow Negro-Americans support the plot to start another World War.

Robeson said that the Negro people wanted peace. They have no quarrel with the Soviet Union, which has outlawed all racial inequality and urges equality of all nations and races.



PAUL ROBESON

Robeson, we believe, was doing a patriotic service to his country and his people when he spoke these brave and honest words:

"It is unthinkable for myself and the Negro people to go to war in the interests of those who have oppressed us for generations."

There are certain leaders of the Negro people, like Walter White, who have rushed their angry replies to this stand. They claim that they are Americans, implying that Robeson is not. They pledge the Negro people's support to another World War.

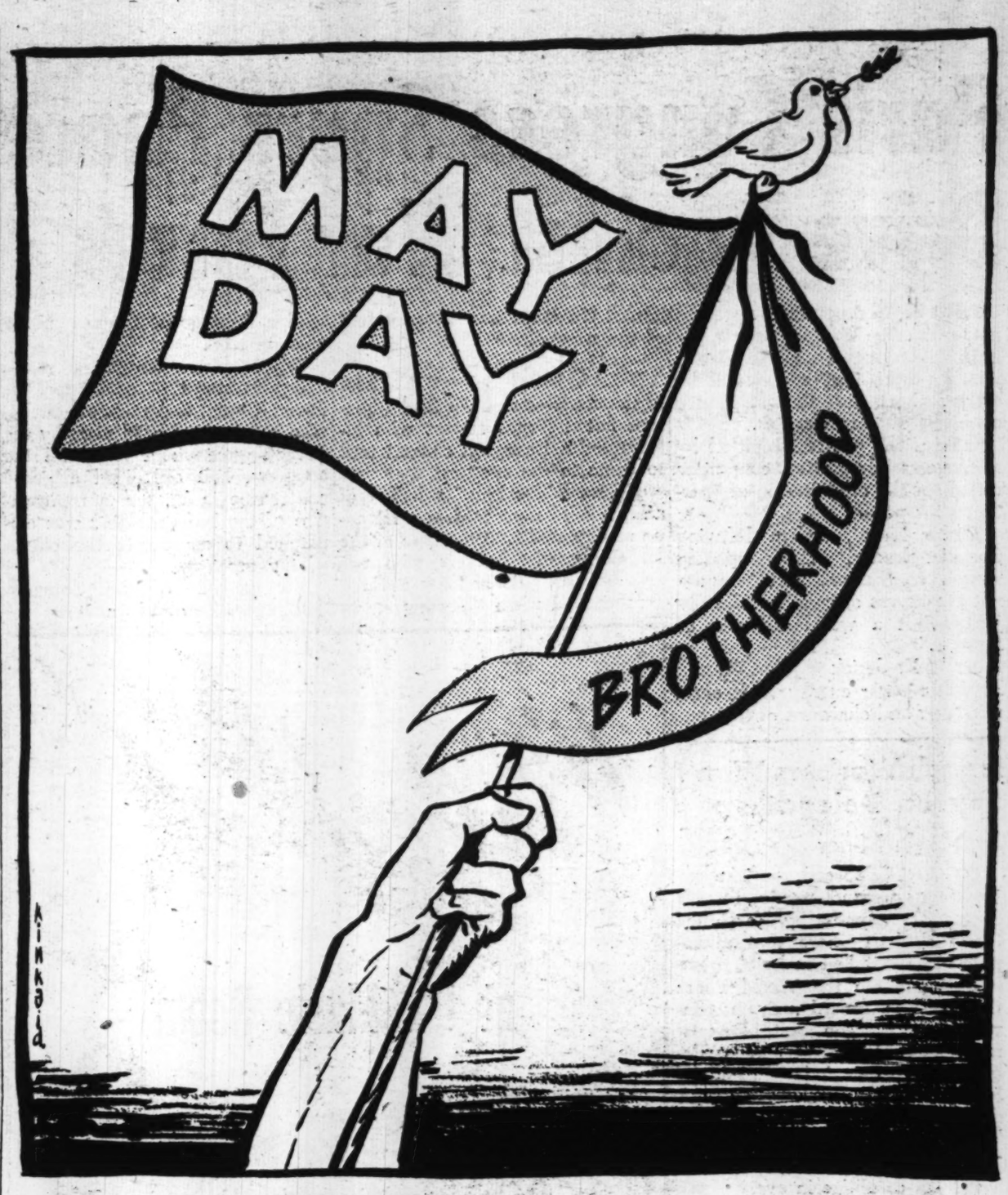
But, they dare not answer the real question at issue. **This is—why should the Negro people in our country shed their blood for a criminal war of aggression against the People's Democracies of Europe, the Socialist State of the U.S.S.R.? Why should they fight against the colonial peoples of Africa, China, etc.?**

It is not a question of "defending America" as these servants of the "cold war" clique falsely claim. The Negro people and Paul Robeson have shown that they know well how to defend America.

The war which the "cold war" clique is trying to provoke would not be a just war, but a criminal war against the peoples of Africa and Asia, no less than against the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

The members of the Atlantic War Pact are all slaveholders oppressing millions of Negroes in Africa.

Robeson calls for the freedom of these peoples; Max Yergan would replace the rule of the British by the rule of the Wall Street dollar. He could bring the KKK to Africa. Robeson's peace message shows him a great Negro leader and a great American.



Workers Abroad Send May Day Greetings

WORLD FEDERATION URGES UNITY IN FIGHT FOR PEACE

PARIS.

The World Federation of Trade Unions issued a May Day appeal to the international working class movement for the creation of a world front in the struggle for peace. The burden of wars and economic crisis will fall on the backs of the workers unless they succeed in staving it off by organized and united effort, said the appeal.

"We must organize our efforts and fight with all our resources for peace," the WFTU declared. "There must be created, in cooperation with all partisans of peace in all countries, a world front of struggle for peace against the warmongers. If the workers clearly express their determination to prevent war, and demonstrate their will to establish the necessary organization and unity, war can be avoided."

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FRENCH WORKERS SUFFER FROM MARSHALL PLAN

By Benoit Frachon,

General Secretary of the General Confederation of Labor

PARIS.

On the occasion of May Day, the French working class sends fraternal greetings to the workers of the United States.

The workers of France are engaged in severe struggle against the forces of reaction, and for the defense of their economic and social conditions. They are also engaged in an unceasing fight for peace.

In their battle, their foes are not only the capitalists and the rulers of France.

We must tell the workers of the United States that the rulers and big capitalists of their country support and even order the campaign of social regression and war launched against us.

They tell you that the Marshall Plan is a help to the people of Europe. They make you pay taxes and tell you it is to relieve the misery of our people.

In our country, the workers' conditions are continually getting worse, while the capitalists' profits are increasing.

They tell you the unions support the Marshall Plan. That is a complete lie. A handful of splitters, headed by Leon Jouhaux, who have three times split the French unions, support this plan.

All these lies are aimed to divide the workers of the world.

These splitters are trying, through such lies, in your country as in ours, to destroy the unity achieved in the WFTU.

As for us, we have no enemies among the workers. We believe that the workers of the world have the same interests, and that they ought to be united for their common defense, for progress, and for peace.

On this day which belongs to the world working class, we greet our brothers of the United States, and we are convinced we shall find them in the great international family—the WFTU.

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FILIPINO WORKERS LIST GRIEVANCES—PLEDGE FIGHT

MANILA, P.I.

By Amado V. Hernandez

National president of the Philippines Congress of Labor Organizations

There will be parades, mass meetings, popular programs and banquets this May Day. Workers, peasants, civil and public utility employes will pass resolutions supporting world peace, greeting the New China, opposing the North Atlantic and Pacific Military alliances, war bases in the Philippines and feeding of Japanese heavy industries with Philippines Island raw materials. We will also demand the repeal of the Bell Trade Act and Taft-Hartley law, the democratic solution of the Hukbalahap problem, and will condemn the Wall Street war maneuvers and the wholesale corruption of the Quirino administration.

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CZECH WORKERS PLAN DAY-LONG CELEBRATIONS

By Walter Vergeiner

PRAGUE.

The great May Day tradition will be continued this year when the working class is in power in Czechoslovakia for the second year. Center of the celebrations in Prague will be St. Wenceslas Square, where last year over three quarters of a million persons marched past the leaders of all parties.

This year's celebration will start on the eve of May Day when the workers will gather in the factories or squares of their districts to listen to the message on peace and working class solidarity. On May Day workers will join the mighty parade under the slogan of fulfilling the five year plan before time and "With President Gottwald to Socialism."

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ITALIAN WORKINGCLASS PLEDGES TO SAVE PEACE OF THE PEOPLE

By Giuseppe DiVittorio,

General Secretary of the General Confederation of Italian Labor

ROME.

Through its struggles and victories, the C.G.I.L. has strengthened itself. It is recognized as the sure bulwark for the defense of the workers' daily bread and rights, as well as for the defense of democratic liberties, peace and the national independence of Italy . . .

Our great C.G.I.L. is equal to its task. It, together with all the democratic forces of Italy, will break the reactionary offensive of the employers, will prevent Italy from becoming a colony of the American trusts, will realize new victories for labor and will save the democratic liberties and the peace of the Italian people.

World of Labor

What They Really Fear In the Communist Party

By George Morris

WHY IS THE REACTIONARY clack so frenzied against the Communists? Are Wall Street and its ideological dogs really fearful of a sudden replacement of capitalism by socialism? They wouldn't howl so loudly and continually if what they call the "menace of Communism" consisted of only the small percentage of Americans who have the intelligence and courage to join the Communist Party. We often hear it said by upholders of capitalism that Communism can not be defeated by screaming against it, that it is above all necessary to eliminate some of the most disagreeable features of capitalism like hunger and bad housing for millions, race discrimination and the constant threat of war and insecurity. But what has happened?



The promised postwar utopia under capitalism is turning into mass unemployment, short weeks, unprecedented speedup, declining purchasing power, deteriorating of housing and loss of such hard-won progressive laws like the Wagner Act.

Most Americans don't take much stock any more in the blueprints that promised a beautiful, everlasting postwar prosperity under capitalism based on a rising purchasing power of the low-incomed people.

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IT IS PRECISELY because capitalism cannot guarantee even the job and standard a worker has now that it has to resort to frenzied red-baiting and build up a "red" scapegoat. The capitalists who rule America are not fearful that the still small Communist Party might suddenly, or soon, bring socialism in the country. They know as well as we do that socialism never came anywhere unless a majority of the working class showed that it wanted it.

They fear the Communists for more immediate reasons—for their leadership in the IMMEDIATE struggle for peace, security and a decent living standard.

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The watchdogs of capitalism wouldn't mind if the Communists confined themselves to perpetual discussion on the coming of socialism some day. They wouldn't even care if the talk was filled with nonsense about the Red Army "marching in through Alaska" and the rest of the lies we heard from government stools on the witness stand. What really worries them is the part the Communists play for the "overthrow" of a lot of seemingly smaller things RIGHT NOW!

It was the Communists in the big Ford Motor Co. Dearborn plant who started the ball rolling on the speedup issue. They initiated the "conspiracy" to flood the plant with leaflets and stickers urging the workers to do something now about man-killing speedup before it becomes intolerable. In doing so, the Communists drew the wrath of Walter Reuther and his fellow officers and of the company, of course. The campaign that caught on like wildfire among the workers spoiled the little game between Reuther and Henry Ford II who last year exchanged personal visits and pleasant salutations.

Only last January Reuther and company issued a statement to the membership declaring the speedup was an invention of the Communists and The Worker. But the Ford workers, knowing from wear and tear of their own bodies that the Communists are right, voted overwhelmingly to strike against speedup.

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THE LEADING trade magazine of the textile industry recently said "there ought to be open season on the Communists" and a "bounty for the pelts of such vicious animals." Was it because of the alleged fear of a "revolution"? Nothing of the kind. It was because of a pamphlet by Lawrence, Mass., Communists urging the workers to resist speedup and unsafe work.

Now the bulk of the entire manpower of this woolen center is unemployed with thousands actually near starvation. And the Communists began to organize the unemployed to demand a program to meet their needs. This time the press screamed with huge headlines on the "red plot" to incite the unemployed.

The Communists provide the main spark for resistance to capitalism's plan for a war economy paid for out of the sweat and wage envelopes of the workers—a plan which many top leaders of labor approve. This is why all the wrath reaction could rally is directed against the Communists and every conceivable obstacle is put to one's right to join the Communist Party.

But it is precisely because the Communist Party has been singled out by reaction for such vicious attack that many see in it the organization to join and support. Its enemies are also its badge of honor. No organization praised by Wall Street ever did much good for the workers.

CHINA'S MAY DAY — By Fred Ellis



BROADWAY BEAT

By BARNARD RUBIN

The dollar-cultural invasion of Europe is now being subsidized officially with Marshall Plan money.

This money is being used to push the books of privately owned American publishing firms in Western Germany now, with other Marshall Plan-dominated countries soon to follow. The American concerns which have been awarded these ECA (Economic Cooperation Administration) contracts and the amounts of the investments are the Book Division of the Nassau Distributing Co., Inc., $200,000; the New American Library of World Literature, $100,000, and Pocket Books, $100,000.

In addition, the group of American publishers which is represented in Europe by Ben Russak has an ECA application pending, and the firm of Strechert-Hafner, which will represent Macmillan in Germany, has had its contract approved and is waiting for it to be signed in Washington. . . .



As reported here previously, the New York Herald Tribune has already been paid $160,000; Time, Inc., $156,700, and the Reader's Digest, $41,000 from Marshall Plan funds after the State Department "approved" their war-mongering foreign policy.

There go the boasts about the capitalists' "free press." . . .

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TOWN TALK

A recent issue of Henry Luce's **Life** magazine ran a ridiculous so-called analysis of "culture" in the U.S.A. Among the terms used in this ludicrous effort were "lowbrow," "middle-brow" and "highbrow."

This concern for culture never seems to extend to the Luce publications' employes who are notoriously underpaid. It was therefore inevitable that the Life article would draw a reaction from Luce employes, and the first to reach print with it were the workers of his and the Morgan outfit, **Time, Inc.**, who in their bulletin gave out with the following:

THE BROWS UNITE

Three Time, Inc., employes sat at a table in a sawdusty cellar near Rockefeller Center. One of them lifted a foaming stein of beer. "Suds in your eye," said Mr. Lowbrow. The gentleman with the lofty forehead glumly lifted his glass of little, adequate red wine. "Salud," said Mr. Highbrow. Tears filled the eyes of the third man, who did not join in the toast. Poor Mr. Middlebrow couldn't afford a very dry Martini, with lemon peel.

Highbrow and Lowbrow looked sympathetic. "You know," said Highbrow diffidently, "this damned wine isn't really adequate. It's inadequate, no matter what **Life** says!"

Lowbrow nodded. "Sure," said he. "Maybe you think I wouldn't like to trade this brew for a bourbon-and-ginger!" Mr. Middlebrow dried his tears. "We have many different tastes," said he, "but we have one thing on common: we all need more money."

"C'est vrai," said Highbrow. "I must confess a certain embarrassment at the holes in the elbows of these chic old tweeds." Lowbrow looked bitter. "With a build like mine," he sighed, "you need a drape shape. Can I buy a drape shape? From burlap, maybe."

Middlebrow coughed discreetly.

"You have already witnessed my poverty, gentlemen," he said. "But let us not despair. There is a way." Highbrow and Lowbrow turned interested eyes on the speaker. "What, Mac?" said Lowbrow. "Qu'est ce que c'est?" inquired Highbrow.

"The Guild," was Middlebrow's reply. "A union?" said Highbrow, elevating his eyebrows halfway to his lofty hairline. "You have to pay dues," said Lowbrow, accusingly. Middlebrow smiled. "Yes," he said, "a union. One does pay dues. But they are only a tiny percentage of the additional money we can get by united action. And by the way, High, your right to ballot, Eames chairs and T. S. Eliot is fully protected. So is Low's desire for coleslaw, craps and woven shoes. The Guild doesn't even object to its members playing The Game. What the Guild does is make it possible for each of us to get what he wants."

Suddenly, Highbrow slapped the table. His friends were startled by this unsophisticated gesture, but Highbrow was plainly excited. "The cause of art perishes without patrons," he declaimed, "and what is a patron without money? Give me a Guild card!" Lowbrow chimed in. "You can't always count on craps to balance the budget," he said. Gimme a card, too." As they scribbled their names, Highbrow and Lowbrow exchanged glances. "Waiter!" bawled Lowbrow. "Garcon!" cried Highbrow. "Bring our friend a very dry Martini, with lemon peel. He has done us a great service here today."

As We See It

The Lofty Vision Of The Communist Party

By Milton Howard

THE COMMUNIST PARTY "is not an ordinary party," a big newspaper wrote in an ominous tone recently. It was commenting on the New York trial of the 12 Communist Party leaders. They face 10-20 years in jail because their ideas are not popular with the small minority which owns America's industries.

Naturally, their ideas are not popular with this minority. They advocate that the present private ownership of America's industries be replaced by a far higher form of democratic ownership in which labor and the nation will be the new owners.



Such a socialist ownership would use our present magnificent wealth and our genius for production to transform our present-day America into a land of such beauty, happiness, and cooperative creative achievement as we can hardly imagine. Our marvelous factories would hum for the benefit of each and every American family, not for the profits of a small owning class which is worried today by the insane and immoral notion of "overproduction."

Such is the lofty vision, the noble goal of the Communist Party.

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THERE WERE PARTIES of Socialism before. But they were not Marxist parties. They were not that "party of a new type" which Lenin said was needed to make possible the replacement of capitalism by the higher democracy and far greater efficiency of Socialism.

When the enemies of the Communist Party solemnly declare that it is not "an ordinary political party" they are stating an important truth about it. Their purpose is to imply that the Communist Party is not a political party at all, but a stupid and un-Marxist "conspiracy" which advocates that its members go haywire and "make a revolution" when they happen to feel like it, regardless of whether the majority of the country favors such a change or not.

The Communist Party not only could never advocate such jackass doctrines; it is the one party in America which genuinely opposes the political rule of minorities. It is that which fundamentally makes it something more than "an ordinary political party."

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WHAT IS A POLITICAL party anyway? At bottom all parties represent and express material, class, economic interests. What are the different material, economic, class interests in our country today? On the one hand, they are the economic interests of the class which owns the industries. On the other there are the interests of the class which doesn't—that is the working class and the millions of other Americans who sell their labor-power to private owners.

The Communist Party is the only party in the country which advocates that Labor must not only wrest as much as it can in wages, but must finally assume the ownership and governing of the country if the country is to abolish poverty, unemployment, boom-and-bust, and war.

All other parties take their stand with the capitalist system of private ownership (the Progressive Party deserves support because it stands for peace and for certain progressive measures to help the people). The GOP and the Democratic parties are merely different wings of the same minority group—the party of Wall Street

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WHAT MAKES the Communist Party a "party of a new type" is not that it is a "conspiracy" as the Government falsely charges through its bought-and-paid-for stoolpigeons, but that is a vanguard party which dedicates itself to educating and organizing the working people to move on to a higher social system.

Such a party does not and cannot confine itself to sticking its nose out every year or two to grab votes with false promises which are forgotten the day after election

Such a party conceives that it is its duty to organize the people in daily struggle for material benefits (wages, housing, schools, higher social security, shorter hours, equal rights for Negroes).

Such a party also seeks to educate the greatest number of Americans to the need for Socialism, and to an understanding of the social laws of development by which Socialism can be achieved by the entire people.

It is a great honor for an American to be a member of a party which so selflessly and courageously defends the immediate and ultimate interests of his country against the greedy few who now keep it from its true happiness and glory. They brand Communists criminals today just as they branded all noble movements of humanity, from early Christianity onward. But the American people will not be deceived forever.

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Negro Longshoremen Hungry, But Stick to Fight For Jobs

"I've just had a cup of coffee and a piece of bread today: my children come first," said a Negro longshore picket, as he walked back and forth in front of the office of his president, Joe Ryan.

This Negro and his fellow workers have been picketing the Jimcrow boss of the waterfront for seven weeks. They have been marching two by two in front of the skyscraper building at Eighth Ave. and 14 St., where Ryan sits with his goons and his shipowner friends.

Their demands are as simple as life and death. They are demanding JOBS, that is the right to earn their bread by the sweat of their brow like other workers.

They used to get work. But since the war Ryan's stooges among the delegates and shop stewards of the International Longshoremen's Association have been helping the hiring bosses to bar the Negroes. White longshoremen tell me that they often hear Ryan officials saying that "the n——rs should go back to Harlem."

"We can't give up this fight, because we are fighting for our existence," a Negro picket was telling me last week.

But men can't fight without eating. And 800 members of Local 968—the predominantly Negro local, which is leading the fight—have dropped out of the industry since the war.

Only 10 or 11 per cent of the rest of the men get more or less steady work, that is an average of three or four days work a week.

Some of the other men pick up occasional work, when an extra gang is used for a day or so. Many get no work at all.

President Cleophus Jacobs of Local 968 points out that other locals are guaranteed priority on piers near their union halls. But this clause doesn't apply to Negroes, who ask work on the piers in the Brooklyn Bridge near their union hall at 357 Furman Sat., Brooklyn.

Some help has come in. White longshoremen, white officials of some CIO local unions, have pledged support at some excellent mass unity meetings in Brooklyn.

And some money and groceries has come in.

But the thousands of women and children in the families of the 700 members of Local 968 need more groceries, more money for their gas and light bills until their men win the fight. And white pickets are urgently needed on the anti-Jimcrow picket line.

Help goes to Local 968, International Longshoremen's Association, 357 Forman St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Poland Asks Canada Return Art Works

LONDON (UP). — The Polish embassy published a note to Canada Friday protesting that Polish art treasures taken to Canada for safekeeping during the war had not been returned.

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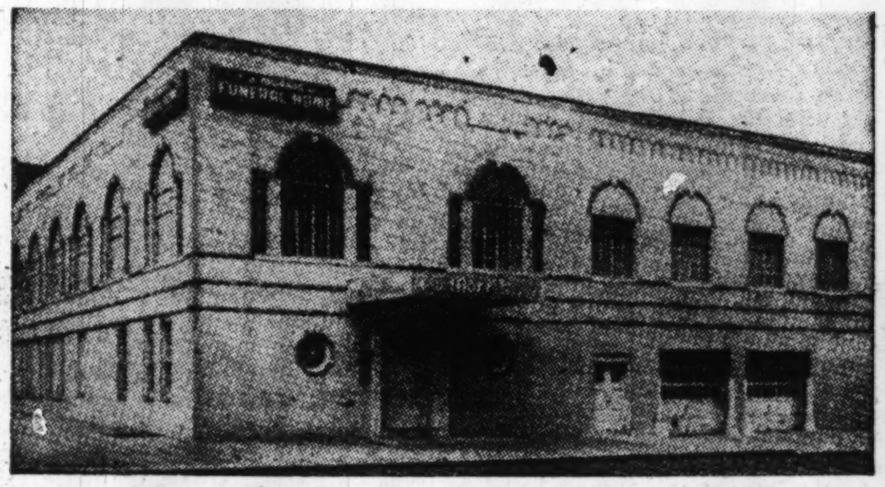
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PORT MEETING ASSAILS NMU OFFICERS

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clause in the constitution.

The Lawrenson-Drumond forces who collaborated with Curran in a joint anti-Communist caucus in last year's election, are now the target of the Curran clique. Yesterday's meeting was also sharply critical of the national office for spending hundreds of dollars for a reprint of Curran's column in the Pilot urging the members to vote for his amendment. In that column he refers to the Lawrenson-Drummond forces as "ex-hacks" who, although out of the Communist Party are supporting it's "line."

To start the ball rolling in support of the New York membership stand, the meeting took up a collection to pay for leaflets and reprints of the New York resolution.

Indicating the temper of the meeting was the overwhelming majority for Fredrick((Blackie Myers, former vice-president and well known Communist, as chairman of the meeting. His opponent was Charles Keith also an opponent of the Curran amendment, but a leader of the Lawrenson-Dummond forces.

There was a general tone of unity, however, in the speeches of Drummond, Myers, Keith, and others in the meeting who had been on both sides of the fence in last year's struggle.

ASSAIL DISRUPTION

Both Myers and Drummond noted the disruptive effect the red-baiting amendment could have in the midst of the current negotiations and approaching June 15 deadline. Both agreed that the amendment is designed to stamp out democracy in the organization.

Myers urged the seamen to turn out in full force in Saturday's May Day parade behind banners expressing their demands.

Curran was still touring Israel as a member of a CIO delegation.

Despite the overwhelming sentiment against the amendment in the port meetings, Curran's clique is going through with the 30-day balloting starting Monday. Apparently banking on a better showing among those at sea and privileged to work, Curran, it is reported, may cut his tour short and do personal campaigning for his redbaiting amendment.

Shipowners and NMU representatives are scheduled to hold contract talks Monday, the first since the union presented the owners with a 261-page document embodying its proposals. M. Hedley Stone, treasurer of the NMU, is "braintrusting" the negotiations in Curran's absence.

Hollywood, a column of film news and comment by David Platt appears daily in the Daily Worker.

Chiang

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almost universally subject to a 50 percent discount and employes insist upon full payment.

The price of newspapers increased Friday from 30,000 to 100,000 dollars.

The Kuomintang issued edict declaring:

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Judge Medina Doesn't Like Laughter

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jurist, didn't like this normal healthy reaction.

The following testimony and ensuing colloquy indicated the judge considered the laughter to be subversive:

Prosecutor Frank Gordon: All right, did you say anything?

Nicodemus: I did. I had a question in my mind and I asked (Albert) Lannon how the Soviet Union could possibly ever invade the United States without a navy and Lannon pointed out to me as had been pointed out before that the Red Army in Siberia numbered some hundreds of thousands and was a strong force and that the Russians were building air strips, whenever the time come with air support the Russians could invade Alaska down through Canada and they could even destroy Detroit.

Attorney Richard Gladstein: What was that?

The Court: They could even destroy Detroit, as I understood it. Did you say that?

The Witness: That is what I said.

The Court: Why all of the defendants are smiling broadly.

Defendant John Gates: Why certainly we are.

Defendant Irving Potash: Certainly we are.

The Court: We are getting back to that country club atmosphere again. Well, there isn't going to be any country club atmosphere in my court.

Gladstein: When a man hears something that is ludicrous and absurd to the extreme I suppose he is permitted the human reaction of a smile of contempt.

The Court: That to me is in the same line as some of the comments we have had in the past. It may seem very funny to the defendants. They seem to enjoy it, but I don't think it is, and their laughing is not going to have any effect.

Gladstein: This is the Federal Court. I had expected a serious and sober effort on the part of the Government, if it could, to prove the charge that has been made that a political doctrine advocates the overthrow of the United States. But instead of that we are being treated to one after another of these witnesses, persons giving the same type of story we have heard from Congressmen Rankin and J. Parnell Thomas.

The Court: Another little speech.

Gladstein: That is what we get. Your Honor asked why people are smiling, but there is an irony to it.

The Court: I had occasion to put a stop to some of that before. I am familiar with the practice in criminal cases of trying to laugh something off, and I am not going to have anything but order in my court. When the defendants get hilarious and start laughing and smiling and that sort of thing it is going to be stopped. You can put that in your book.

Gladstein: I would like the record to show that there was no hilarity on the part of any defendant.

The Court: I saw it and it is noted, and your denial doesn't change it.

Gordon: Why the defendant John Gates said certainly he was laughing.

Defendant Gates: Do I understand that you are now forbidding me to smile?

The Court: No, I don't think so.

Defendant Gates: It is bad enough we are not allowed to think. Now you want to forbid us to smile as well.

The Court: Well, you are evidently a very bold man and you yet up and have your say. That is all right. I am not ordering you not to smile, but I am going to have order in my courtroom, and I am not going to have testimony laughed off by the sort of procedure that we have had in the past. We will just stop there.



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REVEAL FBI STOOLIE WAS SPY IN AFL, CIO

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ask her if she couldn't recognize her signature.

Miss Calomiris kept on reading. She looked up finally and said:

"I did not write that. I may have signed it."

Gladstein fired more questions at the witness. Yes, she knew the contents of the letter, events leading up to its writing, its purpose . . .

What was in the letter bearing Miss Calomiris's signature? That was the question in the minds of the jury, the courtroom spectators, the newspaper men when Judge Medina recessed the court.

As the jury filed out of the room, Gladstein was beseiged by reporters with questions on the contents of the letter. Court ethics forbid him from revealing it at the time, he explained, indicating they would have to wait until the cross-examination continues Monday morning before contents of the suprise letter could be revealed.

PAID BY FBI

In reply to questions earlier by attorney McCabe the witness asserted the FBI "gave me all expenses." She admitted further that to bolster her dishonest and deceptive role and make her appear as a generous supporter of the fight for civil liberties, the FBI ironically gave her $50 to contribute to the defense fund for the Communist leaders she was preparing to testify against.

The judge barred defense attorneys from asking the FBI informer what she said concerning the trial when it came up for discussion in party meetings she is alleged to have attended.

The witness, who "remembered" under direct examination details of caricatured conceptions of the Communist Party, its program and activities, which she claimed to have picked up during her seven years of undercover operation, could not remember simple facts.

She said she was working as a playground director when she was recruited into the FBI underworld. She could not remember, however, what playgrounds she worked in.

She testified she attended the final sessions of the 1945 Communist State Convention. But she didn't know how she became a delegate. She did not know that state delegates were elected at county conventions, that county delegates were elected at section conventions and that delegates to the section conventions were elected at special club meetings.

The witness' assertion that she was compelled to be carried on party rolls under an assumed name, was shown to be false by McCabe who showed her her party membership card and drew the admission her name was accurately inscribed on it.

The executive board of the Photo League has condemned the employment of the FBI of such spies as stoolpigeon Angela Calomiris in cultural organizations. This stoolie was the latest to be trotted out by the prosecution in the trial of the Communist leaders.

The board pointed out that she has been an inactive member of the organization since 1942. "Her few months of participation in League activity as executive secretary came about during the war period when the bulk of the League members were in the Armed Forces," the statement asserted.

Pointing out that the League is purely a photographic organization, with some of America's leading photographers holding membership, the board declared:

"We regard this testimony and the subversive listing of the Attorney General as part of a tactic of intimidation and t hreats used against cultural workers and a violation of the fundamental freedoms."

Macy's Four Units Picketed

Macy workers ringed four of the firm's stores in a pre-work demonstration Friday morning, demanding that the company sign a decent contract. Two thousand marched and chanted at the Herald Square store, another 120 in Flatbush, 100 in Jamaica, 75 in Parkchester.

The action, from 8 to 9 a.m., indicated the desire of the members to take further action, including strike if necessary.

A membership meeting of Department Store Locals has been called for Tuesday night at Manhattan Center.

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Hearings in the deportation case of George Pirinsky, executive secretary of the American Slav Congress, have been scheduled by the Immigration and Naturalization Service in New York City for May 9, it was announced Friday by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

Pirinsky, 47 years old, is a native of Macedonia, Bulgaria. He entered the United States legally in August, 1923 and two months later, in October, 1923, made application for first papers in Hibbing, Minn. No action, however, was ever taken on his application for citizenship.

Pirinsky, who is married to an American citizen, is the father of an 8-month-old American-born son. If deported from this country, George Pirinsky faces separation from his wife and his son.

Pirinsky was arrested Sept. 23, 1948, while in Chicago preparing for convening of the Fourth American Slav Congress.

Krzycki to Speak at Polish Union Parley

Leo Krzycki, president of the American Slav Congress, will speak in Warsaw, Poland, it was announced yesterday. On May 22, Krzycki, who attended the World Peace Congress in Paris with ASC vice-president Prof. John Marsalka, will address the Third Polish Trade Union Congress in Warsaw.

Dr. Rubinstein

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for example, both favor repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law "with modifications," only Dr. Rubinstein is for outright Taft-Hartley repeal and re-enactment of the Wagner Act.

Young Roosevelt has made loud claims to being anti-Tammany and is basing his campaign on his alleged opposition to Tammany corruption, but he has no differences with the Tammany candidate, either on issues or on the desirability of the Tammany nomination.

As exposed exclusively in the Daily Worker on Wednesday, Junior sent a personal emissary to the Tammany West Side leader Isidore Greenberg to ask for the nomination on the very day that Rep. Bloom was buried. Roosevelt's emissary, acting on his request, was Supreme Court Justice Benjamin Rabin, who called personally on Greenberg to ask the Tammany designation for Roosevelt.

The Rabin-Greenberg confab took place a few hours after Bloom's funeral, which they both attended along with Roosevelt. Greenberg is Democratic leader in the Fifth Assembly District and confidential assistant to President of the City Council Vincent Impelliteri. A few days after Rabin saw Greenberg, a second emissary approached him on Junior's behalf, this time someone representing Robert K. Strauss.

Some time after that Junior saw Tammany chief Hugo Rogers, Manhattan Borough President, and personally asked him for the nomination.

It was only after he had been turned down in favor of Shalleck that Roosevelt discovered Tammany's corruption and began his campaign against "reaction, corruption and Communism." Source of the ample funds of Junior's campaign remains unknown, although it is reported that his law firm has paid for the apartment he leased to establish a residence in the district.

The Democratic split, in which Junior is fronting for a dissident group seeking to oust the present Tammany leadership, is a renewal of long-smouldering warfare in Tammany. This feud broke out into the open last year briefly, when Mayor O'Dwyer fired Greenberg, but later rehired him after they buried the hatchet.

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GREETINGS from—
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• Defend Civil Liberties
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May Day Greetings
from
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May Day Greetings
to
THE WORKER
North Youth Section
Communist Party, Brooklyn

SID FOLACK, C.P.,
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Garment Youth Pledge to Fight
For a Free World at Peace
YOUTH CLUB
Garment Sec., Communist Party

May Day Greetings
from
ALLERTON - PARKCHESTER
Youth Section, CP

Greetings from
SUGAR CLUB
Industrial Section,
Queens County, C.P.

May Day Greetings
For Peace and Jobs
CLUB 5, AYD, EAST, CP

Here's How They'll March

OFFICIAL ASSEMBLY POINTS FOR THE MAY DAY PARADE

The United Labor and People's Committee for May Day announced the mobilization points for all organizations participating in the May Day Parade for Peace, Jobs and Democratic Rights. The parade this year will be held on Saturday, April 30. It will start at Eighth Avenue and 39 St., in the garment center, move south on Eighth Ave. to 17 St., then east on 17 St. to the reviewing stand at Union Square.

The complete mobilization is listed below:

Mobilize at 12 Noon

39th ST., BETWEEN 8th AND 9th AVES.

Color Guard.
United May Day Committee.
Jewish Gold Star Memorial League.
Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.
Marine Cooks and Stewards.
Members of National Maritime Union.
Fur and Leather Workers Union, CIO.
International Officers
Veterans Contingent.
Furriers Joint Council and Locals.
Furriers Joint Board and Locals.



39th ST., BETWEEN 9th AND 10th AVES.

Distributive Trades, Independent.
Local 65.
Local 830.
Department Stores.
Members of Local 338.
Miscellaneous.
Wholesale, Retail and Warehouse Workers, CIO.
Harlem People's Organizations.
Harlem Labor Council.
United Harlem Tenants and Consumers Organizations.
Solidarity Lodge 691, IWO.
Welfare Council of Harlem.
Communist Party of Harlem.
United Office and Professional Workers, CIO.
Local 16.
Local 18.
Local 19.
Others.

39th ST., BETWEEN 10th AND 11th AVES.

Furniture Workers of America, CIO.
Local 140.
Local 76-B.
Local 76.
Bakery and Confectionary Workers, AFL.
Local 1.
Local 3.
Local 164.
Others.
Jewelry Workers, AFL.
Local 1.

Mobilize at 1 P.M.

38th ST., BETWEEN 8th AND 9th AVES.

Members of International Ladies Garment Workers Union.
Millinery Workers.
Members of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

38th ST., BETWEEN 9th AND 10th AVES.

Youth Contingent.
Tenants and Consumers Councils.
Kings County.
Bronx County.
New York County.
Queens County.
United Women's Peace Organization.

38th ST., BETWEEN 10th AND 11th AVES.

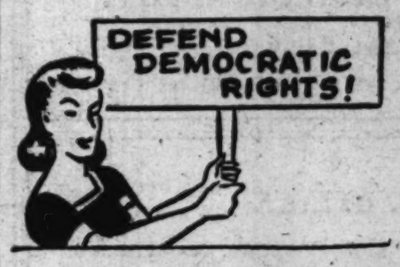
Members of Food Workers Locals, AFL.
Local 1.
Local 6.
Local 89.
Others.
Local 144, Hotel Front Service, AFL.
Local 400, Meat Cutters, AFL.
Building Trades.
Painters Local 848, AFL.
Painters Local 905, AFL.
Miscellaneous.
Printers, AFL.
Paper and Bag Workers, AFL.
Local 107.
Gas, Coke and Chemical Workers.
Local 121.
Auto Workers.
Newspaper Workers.



Mobilize at 1:30 P.M.

37th ST., BETWEEN 8th AND 9th AVES.

The Morning "Freiheit."
International Workers Order.
General Council.
Jewish People's Fraternal Order.
Veterans Contingent.
Jewish Young Fraternalists.
Emma Lazarus Division.
Jewish Childrens Schools.
Bronx District.
Brooklyn District.
Manhattan District.
Queens District.
Cervantes Fraternal Society.
Hispanic Organizations.
Hellenic-American Brotherhood.
Garibaldi-American Fraternal Society.
Polonia Society.
Slovak Workers Society.
American Russian Fraternal Society.
Ukrainian-American Fraternal Union.
Ukrainian Organizations.
Carpatho-Russian People's Society.
United Carpathian-Russian Organization.
Hungarian Brotherhood.
Romanian-American Fraternal Society.
Finnish-American Mutual Aid Society.
United Yugoslav Organizations.
Nature Friends.
German-American Groups.
Union of Yugoslav Americans.
Armenian Progressive League.
Lithuanian Workers
Estonian Workers Club.
Far Eastern Contingent.
Chinese-American Division
Japanese-American Division
Korean-American Division
Indonesian-American Division



Mobilize at 1:30 P.M.

37th ST., BETWEEN 9th AND 11th AVES.

United Shoe Workers, CIO.
Local 54.
Local 60.
Local 65.
Miscellaneous.
United Electrical and Radio Workers, CIO.
Local 430.
Local 1227.
Food and Tobacco Workers, Local 273, CIO
Miscellaneous.
Transport Workers.
Longshore Workers.
New Jersey Contingent.
Veterans Contingent.
Trade Union Contingent.
Civil Rights Congress of New Jersey.
International Workers Order of New Jersey.
Communist Party of New Jersey.
Civil Rights Congress of New York.
Civil Rights Congress Legal Staff.

Mobilize at 2 P.M.

36th ST., BETWEEN 8th AND 9th AVES.

Cultural Groups.
Writers.
Musicians.
Artists.
Scientists.
Theatrical.
Contemporary Writers.
Music Alliance.
People's Dance Group.
"Masses and Mainstream."
Professional Groups.
Doctors.
Dentists.
Lawyers.
Teachers.
Jefferson School of Social Science.
Members, Congress of American Women.

35th ST., BETWEEN 8th and 9th AVES.

New York State Communist Party
Veterans Contingent
"Daily Worker"
New York County, Communist Party

35th ST., BETWEEN 9th AND 10th AVES.

Bronx County, Communist Party
Westchester County, Communist Party
Queens County, Communist Party
Nassau County, Communist Party

35th ST., BET. 10th AND 11th AVES.

Kings County, Communist Party
Miscellaneous Groups

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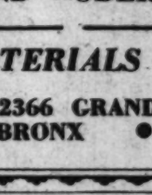
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bound plants; "free speech" for employers to agitate against unions; financial reports from unions; an obligation on unions to "bargain in good faith."

IN WOOD BILL

All these provisions are already in the Wood bill, together with most of the Taft-Hartley law. Wood's bill is scheduled to come up for a vote Tuesday. A final vote on the measure was avoided by the GOP-Dixiecrat coalition although administration figures admitted privately that the anti-labor team could have adopted the bill Friday.

The delay was fruitful for labor. It gave rank and file members in outlying sections a chance to denounce administration efforts to further Taft-Hartleyize its bill.

The CIO United Electrical Workers' legislative representative, Russ Nixon, in a telegram to CIO Legislative Director Nathan Cowan urged that reports of CIO support for House Speaker Sam Rayburn's deals "should be repudiated by a strong unqualified statement and by CIO opposition directly and specifically to all amendments."

Marcantonio repeated his charge that some labor leaders were supporting the administration in "betraying" the working people by adding "the heart and core" of the Taft-Hartley law to the Lesinski bill.

He arose soon after the House clerk began reading the Wood bill which was introduced Thursday as an amendment to the Lesinski bill. He said he was offering his bill as a substitute for the Wood amendment because the "issue is no longer outright repeal but the reinstatement of that which we seek to repeal."

2 SENTENCES

His bill consisted of two sentences. The first repealed the Taft-Hartley act. The second restored the Wagner Act as it existed before T-H.

"If you vote against this," Marcantonio declared, "you are weaseling." The bill, he said, "Brings us back to the Wagner Act. Isn't that what you promised?" he asked the Democrats. He said his amendment was the acid test of whether Democrats wanted to stand by their campaign pledges.

"Anything else is confusion, and abject surrender," he maintained. He pointed out that his substitute bill was the same one that had been adopted by a House Labor subcommittee, which had been supported by the CIO and AFL. That bill was later rejected by the full committee in favor of the Lesinski bill which repealed Taft-Hartley, restored the Wagner Act and added several anti-labor amendments.

Rep. Howard Smith (D-Va), arose to applaud Marcantonio for presenting the "real issue before the house." Later, Marcantonio rejected Smith's views which he said were diametrically opposed to his own. Smith is the author of numerous anti-labor bills and the act under which the Communist leaders are now being prosecuted.

Reps. Arthur Klein (D-NY) and Anthony F. Tauriello (D-NY) took the floor to support Marcantonio's substitute. They made it plain they were voting for the bill in order to get rid of the Wood bill and to repeal the Taft-Hartley bill outright.

The Adventures of Richard, by Michael Singer, appears Tuesday and Thursday and in the weekend Worker.

Win Raise at Philly Leather Plant

PHILADELPHIA. — Five hundred leather workers won an 8 cents an hour wage increase after a four week strike. They are members of Local 30, CIO Fur and Leather Workers.

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SATURDAY

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DANCE THIS SATURDAY, April 30, 8:30 p.m. at the Penthouse Ballroom, 13 Astor Place (at 8th St. & Bway.). Alan Treaser and his orch.

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Bronx

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Brooklyn

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Long Island

GALA MAY DAY Festival. Band, skits, folk singing and dancing. Queens Young Progressives, 89-28 Merrick Road, Jamaica, 8:30 p.m. Donation 75c. Independent Subway to 169th St.

SUNDAY

Manhattan

STUDIO PARTY! Come all members, friends. Congenial atmosphere, folk dancing. Cultural, Folk Dance Group, 128 E. 16th St.

PROF. E. BERRY BURGUM will discuss "Arthur Koestler: Intellectual Charlatan" at the Jefferson School, 575 Avenue of the Americas. Sunday, May 1 at 8:15. Adm. 50c.

HEAR John T. McManus, well-known journalist, formerly of P.M., and now General Manager of the "National Guardian," who will discuss "The Press and The Cold War." ALP, 220 W. 80 St. (B'way) 8:45 p.m. Social follows. Subs. 50c.

Bronx

DAMON RUNYON INTERCOLLEGIATE Club invites you to attend a "Spring Dansant," Sunday, 2-7 p.m. Sephardic Center, 120 E. 169th St., Bx. This unusual dance-social features Lee Levine, MC, Katharine Dunham, Exponential Dancers, Champagne Hour, Sid Sayre's Society Orch. Refreshments free. (Donation $1.25 plus tax). All proceeds N.Y.C. Cancer Fund.

CELEBRATE May Day. Bernstein Club Supper Party Spaghetti; meat balls, dancing, entertainment, 1 E. 167 St. Sunday, May 1. 7 p.m. Proceeds defense of the '12'. $1.

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West Side Rally To Hear Davis

Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., one of the defendants in the trial of Communist Party leaders at the Foley Square Courthouse, will be a featured speaker at a West Side mass meeting next Wednesday to protest the trial.

The rally is being sponosred by the American Labor Party, the Civil Rights Congress and the Jewish People's Fraternal Order. Other speakers will include Dr. Annette T. Rubinstein, ALP candidate for Congress in the 20th district; Rabbi Max Felshin; William L. Patterson of the CRC; Sol Vail, of the JPFO and Emanuel Bloch, attorney for the Trenton Six.

The rally will be held at the Pythian Temple, 135 W. 70 St., at 8.15 p.m.



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MANHATTAN

First Run—Broadway

AMBASSADOR—• Dodse
ASTOR—We Were Strangers
AVENUE PLAYHOUSE—• Marius; • Fanny; • Cesar
BIJOU—• Red Shoes
CAPITOL—Adventure in Baltimore
CRITERION—Red Canyon
ELYSEE—• Carnival in Flanders
FULTON—Joan of Arc
GLOBE—The Champion
GOTHAM—Lady of Burlesque
LOEW'S STATE—• Take Me Out to the Ball Game
LITTLE CARNEGIE—The Guinea Pig
LITTLE CINEMET—Wandering Jew
MAYFAIR—Wizard of Oz
MUSEUM OF MODERN ART—Animated Films
NEW YORK—Search for Danger; Courtin' Trouble
NEW EUROPE—Love Child
PARAMOUNT—The Undercover Man
PARIS—• Symphonie PASTORALE
LOEW'S LEXINGTON—Command Decision; Henry the Rain-
PARK AVENE—•• Hamlet
RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL—Connecticut Yankee
RKO PALACE—Theatre Closed
RIALTO—The Raven; Murders in the Rue Morgue
ROXY—Mr. Belvedere Goes to College
STANLEY—• Tomorrow's a Wonderful Day; Tovya
STRAND—My Dream Is Yours
VICTORIA—Joan of Arc
WORLD—•• Last Step
5TH AVENUE PLAYHOUSE—Day of Wrath; • Zero for Conduct; Blood of a Poet
55TH ST PLAYHOSE—• Monsieur Vincent

East Side

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—John Loves Mary; Mourning Becomes Electra; Sun.: G Men; Casablanca
ARCADIA—Whispering Smith; My Own True Love
Sun.: • Confessions of a Rogue; • Dead of Night
ART—Chips Are Down
BEVERLY—Chips Are Down
CHARLES—Sat.: Silver River; Devil Ship
Sun.: • Rachel and the Stranger; Tarzan and the Mermaid
CITY—• Strange Victory; Challenge
GRACIE SQUARE—Sofia; Eagle Squadron
Sun.: Fighting O'Flynn; • Criss Cross
GRAMERCY PARK CINEMA—Jamaica Inn; Song of My Heart. Sun.: Command Decision
IRVING PLACE—• Tragic Hunt; Back Streets of Paris
LOEW'S CANAL—• Three Godfathers; • Act of Violence
LOEW'S COMMODORE—Three Godfathers; Act of Violence
LOEW'S 42ND ST.—Family Honeymoon; Dark Past
Sun.: Down to Sea in Ships; Bad Men of Tombstone
LOEW'S LEXINGTON—Three Godfathers; Act of Violence
LOEW'S ORPHEUM—Penny Serenade; Last of Wild Horses
LOEW'S 86TH ST.—Down to the Sea in Ships
Sun.: Family Honeymoon
NORMANDIE—Sidewalks of London
PLAZA—Command Decision
RKO JEFFERSON—Down to the Sea in Ships; Bad Men of Tombstone. Sun.: Family Honeymoon; Dark Past
RKO PROCTORS 86TH ST.—John Loves Mary; Mourning Becomes Electra. Sun.: Casablanca; G Men
RKO PROCTORS 58TH ST.—John Loves Mary
Sun.: Mourning Becomes Electra
SUPERIOR—Comand Decision; Henry the Rainmaker
Sun.: One Sunday Afternoon; Whiplash
TRANSLUX COLONY—Whispering Smith; My Own True Love
Sun.: Saboteur; • Corvette K-225
TRANSLUX 60TH ST.—Sleeping Car to Trieste
TRANSLUX MONROE—Down to Sea in Ships; Bad Men of Tombstone. Sun.: Sergeant York; Castle on the Hudson
TRANSLUX 72ND ST.—Command Decision
TRIBUNE—One Sunday Afternoon; Whiplash
TUDOR—Sergeant York; Big Town Scandal
Sun.: Comand Decision; Henry the Rainmaker
YORK—Kitty Foyle; Courage of Lassie
Sun.: Shaggy; Hoppys Holiday
68TH ST. PLAYHOUSE—Apartment for Peggy
86TH ST. GRANDE—Siting Pretty; Deep Waters
85TH ST. TRANSLUX—That Hamilton Woman
52ND ST. TRANSLUX—• Wuthering Heights
34TH ST.—One Sunday Afternoon; Whiplash
Sun.: Comand Decision; Henry the Rainmaker

West Side

ALDEN—Behind the Eight Ball; Key Largo
Sun.: Trouble With Women; Secret Heart
APOLLO—Revenge; Midnight in Paris
ARDEN—Force of Evil; Southern Yankee
BEACON—Blanche Fury; Place of Ones Own
BELMONT—Mi Esposa Busca Novio; Balaju
BRYANT—Holiday in Mexico; Dudes Are Pretty People
CARLTON—One Sunday Afternoon; Whiplash
COLUMBIA—Down to the Sea in Ships; Bad Men Tombstone
Sun.: Command Decision; Henry the Rainmaker
DELMAR—El Gaidro; La Pequena Madivcata
EDISON—House Across the Bay; Stand In
Sun.: Drums; Trade Winds
ELGIN—•• Sahara; Golden Earrings
Sun.: Whispering Smith; My Own True Love
GREENWICH—Good Girls Go to Paris; More than a Secretary
LOEW'S 83RD ST.—Three Godfathers; Act of Violence
LOEW'S LINCOLN SQ.—Command Decision; Henry the
LOEW'S OLYMPIA—Three Godfathers; Act of Violence
LOEW'S SHERIDAN—Three Godfathers; Act of Violence
LAFFMOVIE—Saps at Sea
LYRIC—The Westerner; • Hurricane
Sun: • Casablanca; • Men
MIDTOWN—October Man; • It Always Rains on Sunday
NEMO—John Loves Mary; Mourning Becomes Electra
Sun.: G Med; • Casablanca
NEW AMSTERDAM—Three Godfathers; Act of Violence
PIX—Covered; I Love Trouble
Sun.: Silver River; Down to the Earth
RIVERSIDE—John Loves Mary; Mourning Becomes Electra
Sun.: G Men; • Casablanca
RIVIERA—Command Decision; Henry the Rainmaker
RKO COLONIAL—John Loves Mary; Mourning Becomes Electra
RKO NEW 23D ST.—Mourning Becomes Electra; John Loves Mary. Sun.: • Casablanca; G Men
RKO 81ST ST.—John Loves Mary; Mourning Becomes Electra
Sun.: G Men; • Casablanca
SAVOY—Down to the Sea in Ships; Bad Men of Tombstone
Sun.: Family Honeymoon; Dark Past
SCHUYLER—• Letter to Three Wives; Bungalow Thirteen
SELWYN—• Yellow Sky; • Unfaithfully Yours
SQUIRE—• Beauty and the Beast; •• Shoe Shine
STODDARD—Penny Serenade; Last of the Wild Horses
STUDIO 65—Un Dia Con el Diable; La Reina Del Tropico
SYMPHONY—• Citizen Kane; Notorious Gentleman
Sun.: Till the Clouds Roll By; •• Crossfire
TERRACE—Command Decision; Henry the Rainmaker
Sun.: Angel in Exile; Gallant Legion
THALIA—• Children of Paradise; • Panic
TIMES SQUARE—Racing Luck; Silver City Kid
TIVOLI—Down to the Sea in Ships; Bad Men of Tombstone
Sun.: Command Decision; Henry the Rainmaker
TOWN—Wake of the Red Witch; Hills of Home
Sun.: •• Stagecoach; •• Long Voyage Home
YORKTOWN—Down to the Sea in Ships; Bad Men of Tombstone
WAVERLY—The Brothers; Bad Sister
Sun.: Fighting O'Flynn; • Criss Cross
8TH ST. PLAYHOUSE—Down to the Sea in Ships
77TH ST.—Down to the Sea in Ships; Gaiety
Sun.: • Wuthering Heights; Spectre of the Rose

Washington Heights

ALPINE—Whiplash; One Sunday Afternoon
DALE—More than a Secretary; •• Stagecoach
DORSET—Command Decision; Henry the Rainmaker
EMPRESS—Kiss of Death; Room Service
GEM—Invisible Ray; Invisible Woman
HEIGHTS—Wake of the Red Witch; Hills of Home
Sun.: Carmen; Die Fledermaus
LANE—Command Decision; Henry the Rainmaker
LOEW'S DYCKMAN—Castle on the Hudson; Sergeant York
LOEW'S INWOOD—Three Godfathers; Act of Violence
LOEW'S 175TH ST.—Three Godfathers; Act of Violence
LOEW'S RIO—Three Godfathers; Act of Violence
RKO COLISEUM—John Loves Mary; Mourning Becomes Electra. Sun.: • Men; • Casablanca
RKO HAMILTON—John Loves Mary; Mourning Becomes Electra. Sun.: G Men; • Casablanca
RKO MARBLE HILL—John Loves Mary; Mourning Becomes Electra. Sun: G Men; • Casablanca
UPTOWN—Command Decision; Henry the Rainmaker

Harlem

ODEON—Comand Decision; Henry the Rainmaker
RENAISSANCE—Command Decision; Henry the Rainmaker
ROOSEVELT—Down to the Sea in Ships; Bad Men of Tombstone

BRONX

ASCOT—Interlude; Life and Loves of Tschaikowsky
ALLERTON—Whispering Smith; My Own True Love
Sun.: Bad Men of Missouri; Down to Sea in Ships
BEACH—The Bribe; Kissing Bandit
Sun.: Wake of the Red Witch; Hills of Home
BEDFORD—Down to the Sea in Ships; Bad Men of Tombstone
CIRCLE—The Bribe; Kissing Bandit
Sun.: Wake of the Red Witch; Hills of Home
CONCOURSE—It Happened It Brooklyn; Cynthia
DE LUXE—This Time for Keeps; Cornered
Sun.: • Criss Cross; Fighting O'Flynn
EARL—John Loves Mary; Mourning Becomes Electra
Sun.: • Casablanca; G Men
FENWAY—Sofia; Miraculous Journey
Sun.: The Bribe; Kissing Bandit
FREEMAN—The Bribe; Kissing Bandit
Sun.: One Sunday Afternoon; Whiplash
GLOBE—• Kiss of Death; Carnival in Costa Rica
Sun.: Man from Colorado; Black Arrow
LIDO—Tragic Hunt; Backstreets of Paris
LOEW'S AMERICAN—Family Honeymoon; Dark Past
LOEW'S BOSTON ROAD—• Criss Cross; Fighting O'Flynn
Sun.: Whispering Smith; My Own True Love
LOEW'S 167TH ST.—Gallant Legion; Angel in Exile
LOEW'S PARADISE—Paisan; Caught
LOEW'S POST ROAD—Gallant Legion; Angel in Exile
MOSHOLU—Sgt. York; Castle on the Hudson
NEW RITZ—Rio; Zanzibar
Sun.: Tycoon; Pride of the Bowery
PARK PLAZA—John Loves Mary; Mourning Becomes Electra
Sun.: G Men; • Casablanca
RKO CASTLE HILL—John Loves Mary; Mourning Becomes Electra Sun.: G Men; • Casablanca
RKO CHESTER—John Loves Mary; Mourning Becomes Electra
Sun.: G Men; • Casablanca
RKO FORDHAM—John Loves Mary; Mourning Becomes Electra. Sun.: G Men; • Casablanca
ROSEDALE—Whispering Smith; My Own True Love
Sun.: Sergeant York; Castle on the Hudson
SQUARE—Down to the Sea in Ships; Bad Men Tombstone
Sun.: Whisperige Smith; Shaggy
TUXEDO—John Loves Mary; Mourning Becomes Electra
Sun.: • Men; • Casablanca
UNIVERSITY—High Barbaree; Unknown Island
Sun.: Magic Town; Panhandle
VALENTINE—Down to the Sea in Ships; Bad Men of Tombstone. Sun.: Bad Men of Tombstone; Castle on Hudson
ZENITH—Deep Valley; Prince of Thieves
Sun.: •• Stagecoach; Lady of Burlesque

BROOKLYN—*Downtown*

BELL CINEMA—Rogues Regiment; Saxon Charm
Sun.: Man from Colorado; Black Arrow
CARLETON—• Mr. Smith Goes to Washington; Racing Luck
FOX—Knock on Any Door; Bloodlin Secret
MAJESTIC—Beachcomber; Jamaica Inn
MOMART—Daniel Boone; Return of Daniel Boone
LOEW'S MELBA—Three Godfathers; Act of Violence
LOEW'S METROPOLITAN—Little Women; Dixie Duet
PARAMOUNT—Disaster; Bride of Vengeance
RKO ALBEE—• Boy with Green Hair; • Set Up
RKO ORPHEUM—• Yellow Sky; • Unfaithfully Yours
RKO PROSPECT—• Yellow Sky; • Unfaithfully Yours
SANDERS—Down to Sea in Ships; Bad Men of Tombstone
STRAND—South of St. Louis; Mourning Becomes Electra
ST. GEORGE PLAYHOUSE—Command Decision; Henry the Rainmaker. Sun.: • Criss Cross; Fighting O'Flynn
TERMINAL—Sergeant York; Castle on the Hudson
Sun.: Boys of the City; Frontier Pony Express
TIVOLI—Lady of Burlesque; Guest in the House
Sun.: Sergeant York; Castle on the Hudson

Bedford

LINCVOLN—Start Cheering; Laugh Slow
Sun.: The Bribe; Kissing Bandit
NATIONAL—•• Snake Pit; Variety Time
Sun.: Whispering Smith; My Own True Love
SAVOY—• Yellow Sky; • Unfaithfully Yours

Crown Heights

CARROLL—• Criss Cross; Fighting O'Flynn
CONGRESS—Down to the Sea in Ships; Bad Men of Tombstone
CROWN—•• Snake Pit; Variety Time
Sun.: The Bribe; Kissing Bandit
LOEW'S KAMEO—Three Godfathers; Act of Violence
LOEW'S WARWICK—Family Honeymoon; Dark Past
LOEW'S PITKIN—Three Godfathers; Act of Violence
ROGERS—•• Snake Pit; Variety Time
Sun.: The Bribe; Kissing Bandit
RKO REPUBLIC—• Yellow Sky; • Unfaithfully Yours
STADIUM—• Yellow Sky; • Unfaithfully Yours

Flatbush

ALBEMARLE—• Mr. Smith Goes to Washington; Racing Luck
ASTOR—• The Awful Truth; More Than a Secretary
AVALON—Command Decision; Henry the Rainmaker
AVENUE D—Wake of the Red Witch; Hills of Home
Sun.: •• Snake Pit; Variety Time
AVENUE U—•• Snake Pit;
Sun.: One Sunday Afternoon; Whiplash
BEVERLY—Command Decision; Henry the Rainmaker
Sun.: Waterfront at Midnight; Lumberjack
COLLEGE—Whispering Sitm; My Own True Love
Sun.: • Johnny Belinda; • Treasure of Sierra Madre
CLARIDGE—Wake of the Red Witch; Hills of Home
ELM—• Criss Cross; Fighting O'Flynn
FARRAGUT—Command Decision; Henry the Rainmaker
FLATBUSH—Sentimental Journey; Shocking Miss Pilgrim
GRANADA—Whispering Smith; My Own True Love
JEWEL—It Happened in Brooklyn; Candlelight in Algeria
Sun.: Cry Wolf; Men Are Not Gods
KENT—Wake of the Red Witch Hills of Home
Sun.: •• Snake Pit; Variety Time
KINGSWAY—• Yellow Sky; • Unfaithfully Yours
LEADER—Sergeant York; Castle on the Hudson
LINDEN—Command Decision; Henry the Rainmaker
LOEW'S KINGS—Three Godfathers; Act of Violence
MARINE—• Yellow Sky; • Unfaithfully Yours
Sun: Command Decision; Henry the Rainmaker
MAYFAIR—• Criss Cross; Fighting O'Flynn
Sun.: • Treasure of Sierra Madre; Call of the Canyon
MIDWOOD—• Yellow Sky; • Unfaithfully Yours
NOSTRAND—• Johnny Belinda; • Treasure of Sierra Madre
Sun.: Whispering Smith; My Own True Love
PARKSIDE—The Lost One; A Yank Comes Back
PATIO—• Criss Cross
QUENTIN—Wings Over Honolulu; Magnificent Brute
Sun.: Gallant Legion; Angel in Exile
RIALTO—Sergeant York; Castle on the Hudson
RKO KENMORE—• Yellow Sky; • Unfaithfully Yours
RUGBY—•• Snake Pit; Variety Time
TRAYMORE—Leave it to the Irish; Mr. Muggs Rides Again
Sun.: Angel in Exile; Gallant Legion
TRIANGLE—The Bribe; Kissing Bandit
Sun.: Guest in the House; Lady of Burlesque
VOGUE—Lost One; Yank Comes Back

Brighton—Coney Island

LOEW'S CONEY ISLAND—Three Godfathers; Act of Violence
OCEANA—Sergeant York; Castle on the Hudson
RKO TILYOU—• Yellow Sky; • Unfaithfully Yours
SHEEPSHEAD—• Criss Cross; Fighting O'Flynn
SURF—• Criss Cross; Fighting O'Flynn
Sun.: Whispering Smith; My Own True Love
TUXEDO—Passionello; • Torment

Boro Park—Bensonhurst

COLONY—Lady in the Death House; Underdog
Sun.: Return of Wildfire; S.O.S. Submarine
LOEW'S BORO PARK—• Yellow Sky; • Unfaithfully Yours
LOEW'S ORIENTAL—Three Godfathers; Act of Violence
LOEW'S 46TH ST.—Three Godfathers; Act of Violence
MARBORO—Family Honeymoon; Dark Past
WALKER—Family Honeymoon; Dark Past

Bay Ridge

BERKSHIRE—Whispering Smith; My Own True Love
CENTER—Carnival in Costa Rica; Gashouse Kids in Hollywood
Sun.: Each Dawn I Die; Bambi
COLISEUM—• Criss Cross; Fighting O'Flynn
ELECTRA—Return of Bad Men; Bambi
Sun.: Eternally Yours; News Hounds
HARBOR—Wake of the Rd Witch; Hills of Home
LOEW'S ALPINE—Penny Serenade; Last of the Wild Horses
LOEW'S BAY RIDGE—Family Honeymoon; Dark Past
NEW FORTWAY—• Criss Cross; Fighting O'Flynn
PARK—Command Decision; Henry the Rainmaker
RITZ—• Criss Cross; Fighting O'Flynn
RKO DYKER—• Yellow Sky; • Unfaithfully Yours
RKO SHORE ROAD—Command Decision; Henry the Rainmaker
STANLEY—•• Snake Pit; Variety Time
Sun.: Spitfire; Johnny Angel

Ridgewood—Bushwick

EMPIRE—Accused; Night Time in Nevada
Sun.: Saboteur; • Corvette K-225
RIDGEWOOD—Command Decision; Henry the Rainmaker
RIVOLI—International Lady; Thunderhead
Sun.: Parole, Inc.; Jungle Goddess
RKO BUSHWICK—• Yellow Sky; • Unfaithfully Yours

The Rockaways

GEM—Macomber Affair; Dark Waters
Sun.: Dynamite; Shaggy
PARK—Down to the Sea in Ships; Bad Men of Tombstone
Sun.: Family Honeymoon; Dark Past
RKO COLUMBIA—Family Honeymoon; Dark Past
RKO STRAND—• Yellow Sky; • Unfaithfully Yours

Brownsville

BILTMORE—Command Decision; Henry the Rainmaker
HOPKINSON—Art of Love; Bedroom Diplomat
SUTTER—• Letter to Three Wives; Bungalow Thirteen
SUPREME—Down to the Sea in Ships; Bad Men of Tombstone

Williamsburg

ALBA—Sgt. York; Castle on the Hudson
COMMODORE—Three Godfathers; Act of Violence
KISMET—Command Decision; Henry the Rainmaker

QUEENS—*Astoria*

ASTORIA—• Yellow Sky; • Unfaithfully Yours
BROADWAY—• Criss Cross; Fighting O'Flynn
Sun: Command Decision; Henry the Rainmaker
GRAND—• Criss Cross; Fighting O'Flynn
Sun.: Command Decision; Henry the Rainmaker
LOEW'S TRIBORO—Three Godfathers; Act of Violence
STEINWAY—Whiplash; One Sunday Afternoon
Sun.: • Criss Cross; Fighting O'Flynn
STRAND—Dark Corner; Do You Love Me
Sun.: Shaggy; Dynamite

Bayside

BAYSIDE—Whispering Smith; My Own True Love
Sun.: • Criss Cross; Fighting O'Flynn
BELLAIRE—• Criss Cross; Fighting O'Flynn
Sun.: Whispering Smith; My Own True Love
COLLEGE—Whispering Smith; My Own True Love
Sun.: • Criss Cross; Fighting O'Flynn
CORONA—Command Decision; Henry the Rainmaker
LOEW'S PLAZA—• Mr. Smith Goes to Washington; Racing Luck
VICTORY—Wake of the Red Witch; Hills of Home
Sun.: Whispering Smith; My Own True Love

Flushing

LOEW'S PROSPECT—Gallant Legion; Angel in Exile
MAYFAIR—The Bribe; Kissing Bandit
Sun.: Wake of the Red Witch; Hills of Home
RKO KEITHS—State Police; Armored Car
ROOSEVELT—Whispering Smith; My Own True Love
Sun.: • Criss Cross; Fighting O'Flynn
TOWN—Unsuspected; Senator Was Indiscreet
Sun.: River Lady; Love and Learn
UTOPIA—Enchantment; Sixteen Fathoms Deep
Sun.: Accused; Northwest Outpost

Forest Hills

FOREST HILLS—• Criss Cross; Fighting O'Flynn
INWOOD—The Bribe; Kissing Bandit
Sun.: One Sunday Afternoon; Whiplash
MIDWAY—• Yellow Sky; • Unfaithfully Yours
TRYLON—Enchantment; Sixteen Fathoms Deep
Sun.: Wake of the Red Witch; Hills of Home

Jamaica

ARION—•• Snake Pit; Variety Time
Sun.: The Bribe; Kissing Bandit
AUSTIN—The Bribe; Kissing Bandit
Sun.: • Four Steps in the Clouds; Waltz Time
CAMBRIA—Whispering Smith; My Own True Love
Sun.: • Criss Cross; Fighting O'Flynn
CARLTON—Sofia; Hills of Home
Sun.: One Sunday Afternoon; Whiplash
CASINO—Whispering Smith; My Own True Love
Sun.: One Sunday Afternoon; Whiplash
COMMUNITY—Family Honeymoon; Dark Past
CROSSBAY—Hills of Home; Dynamite
DRAKE—•• Snake Pit; Variety Time
Sun.: Wake of the Red Witch; Hills of Home
GARDEN—• Criss Cross; Fighting O'Flynn
Sun.: Whispering Smith; My Own True Love
JAMAICA—• Criss Cross; Fighting O'Flynn
Sun.: Shaggy; Dynamite
KEITHS—• Yellow Sky; • Unfaithfully Yours
LAURELTON—Whispering Smith; My Own True Love
Sun: • Criss Cross; Fighting O'Flynn
LEFFERTS—• Criss Cross; Fighting O'Flynn
LINDEN—Whispering Smith; My Own True Love
Sun.: • Criss Cross; Fighting O'Flynn
LITTLE NECK—Whispering Smith; My Own True Love
Sun.: • Criss Cross; Fighting O'Flynn
LOEW'S HILLSIDE—Family Honeymoon; Dark Past
LOEW'S VALENCIA—•• Paisan; Caught
LOEW'S WILLARD—Gallant Legion; Angel in Exile
MAIN ST. PLAYHOUSE—• Red River; So This Is New York
Sun.: Wake of the Red Witch; Hills of Home
MERRICK—• Yellow Sky; • Unfaithfully Yours
OASIS—Wake of the Red Witch; Hills of Home
QUEENS—• Yellow Sky; • Unfaithfully Yours
RKO ALDEN—Beachcomber; Jamaica Inn
Sun.: The Westerner; Hurricane
RICHMOND HILL GARDEN—Whispering Smith; My Own True Love
ROOSEVELT—One Sunday Afternoon; Whiplash
ST. ALBANS—• Criss Cross; Fighting O'Flynn
SAVOY—Sergeant York; Castle on the Hudson

Woodside

BLISS—Whispering Smith; My Own True Love
CENTER—•• Hangmen Also Die; • Blockade
Sun.: Dead Reckoning; Caribbean Mystery
43RD ST.—Lady of Burlesque; Guest in the House
HOBART—The Bribe; Kissing Bandit
Sun.: •• Snake Pit; Variety Time
LOEW'S—• Mr. Smith Goes to Washington; Racing Luck
SUNNYSIDE—• Yellow Sky; • Unfaithfully Yours

RADIO PROGRAMS

WMCA—570 Ks. WINS—1600 Ks. WHN—1050 Ks.
WNBC—660 Ks. WEVD—1130 Ks. WBNY—1480 Ks.
WOR—710 Ks. WCBS—880 Ks. WOV—1280 Ks.
WJZ—770 Ks. WNEW—1130 Ks. WQXR—1560 Ks.
WNYC—830 Ks. WLIB—1190 Ks.

SATURDAY

MORNING

11:30-WNBC—Smilin' Ed McConnell
WJZ—What's My Name
WCBS—Junior Miss

AFTERNOON

12:00-WNBC—News. Charles F. McCarthy
WOR—The Tremaynes
WJZ—Girls' Corps
WNYC—Midday Symphony
WCBS—Theatre of Today
12:15-WNBC—Do It Yourself
12:30-WOR—News; The Answer Man
WJZ—Navy Hour
WCBS—Grand Central Station
1:00-WNBC—Farm and Home Hour
WOR—Luncheon at Sardi's
WJZ—Home Gardener
WCBS—Stars Over Hollywood
WNYC—Music
WQXR—News; Midday Symphony
1:30-WNBC—U. S. in World Affairs
WJZ—Patt Barnes
WCBS—Give and Take
WOR—Monica Lewis
2:00-WJZ—Western Music
WOR—Official Detective
WNBC—Living, 1949
WCBS—Get More Out of Life
2:30-WNBC—Edward Tomlinson—Talk
WOR—Family Theatre
WCBS—County Journal
WNYC—Great Masters
WQXR—Program Favorites
2:45-WNBC—UN Is My Beat
3:00-WNBC—Oklahoma Philharmonic Orchestra
WOR—Sisco Kid
WCBS—Report from Overseas
WQXR—News; Recent Records
3:15-WCBS—Adventures in Science
3:30-WOR—Hopalong Cassidy
WCBS—Cross Section, U.S.A.
WQXR—Music of Our Time
4:00-WNBC—Your Health Today
WOR—Proudly We Hail
WNYC—Jazz Concert
WQXR-News; Symphonic Matinee
4:15-WNBC, WJZ, WCBS—Racing at Jamaica
5:00-WNBC—Lassie—Sketch
WOR—Russ Hodges
WJZ—Popular Music
WCBS—Bandstand
WQXR—News; Record Review
5:15-WNBC—Wormwood Forrest
5:30-WNBC—Bobby Byrnes Orchestra
WOR—True or False
WQXR—Cocktail Time

EVENING

6:00-WNBC—Kenneth Banghart
WOR—Lyle Van
WJZ—Honey Dreamers
WQXR—News; Music to Remember
6:30-NBC—NBC Symphony Orchestra
WCBS—Red Barber
WQXR—Dinner Concert
7:00-WOR—Guess Who
WCBS—Spike Jones Show
WJZ—Harry Wismer
WNYC—Masterwork Hour
WQXR—News; Music
7:30-WNBC—Vic Damone, Songs
WOR—H. R. Knickerbocker
WJZ—Phil Bovero Orchestra
WCBS—Vaughn Monroe Show
WQXR—Opera Excerpts
7:45-WOR—Answer Man
8:00-WNBC—Hollywood Star Theatre
WOR—Twenty Questions
WQXR—News, Symphony Hall
WJZ—Variety Show
WCBS—Gene Autry Show
8:30-WNBC—Truth or Consequences
WOR—Take a Number
WJZ—Famous Jury Trials
WQXR—New York Times News
WCBS—Philip Marlowe
9:00-WNBC—Hit Parade
WOR—Life Begins at 80
WJZ—Little Herman
WCBS—Gangbusters
WQXR—News; Music
9:30-WNBC—Judy Canova Show
WCBS—Basil Rathbone Show
WJZ—Pat Novak
9:45-WNYC—Top Talk
WQXR—News; Record Album
10:00-WNBC—Dennis Day Show
WOR—Theatre of the Air
WJZ—Earl Godwin
WCBS—Sing It Again
WNYC—Municipal Concert Hall
WQXR—News; On Wings of Song
10:30-WNBC—Grand 'Ole Opry
WQXR—Pop Concert

SUNDAY

AFTERNOON

12:05-WQXR—Symphonic Varieties
12:15-WJZ—Foreign Reporter
WNEW—Vaudeville Isn't Dead
WMGM—Bing Crosby Records
12:30-WNBC—Eternal Light
WMCA—News Bulletins
WOR—News—Melvin Elliott
WJZ—Piano Playhouse
WCBS—Peoples Platform
WMGM—Hour of Champions
WNEW-News; Recorded Music
WQXR—Record Review
12:45-WOR—Rendezvous with Ross
WMCA—Jerry Baker
WQXR—Orchestral Melodies
1:00-WNBC—America United
William L. Shirer
WJZ—American Almanac
WCBS—Charles Collingwood
WMCA—J. Raymond Walsh, Forum
WNYC—Music for the connoisseur
WMGM—Four Star Review
WNEW—Hollywood Open House
WQXR—New York Times News; Midday Symphony
1:05-WQXR—Midday Symphony
WCBS—Elmo Roper
1:15-WJZ—Edward Weeks, Comment
WMGM-News; Jan Bart
WLIB—Estelle Sternberger
1:30-WNBC—Author Meets The Critics
WCBS—Design for Listening
WJZ—National Vespers
WOR—Michael O'Duffy
WMCA—Perry Como
WLIB—Melody Playhouse
2:00-WOR—The Deems Taylor Concert
WCBS—Longines Symphonette
WNBC—Homecoming
WJZ—Week Around the World
WNYC—Brooklyn Museum Concert
WQXR—News
2:05-WQXR—Viennese Melodies
2:15-WLIB—Harriet Johnson, Interviews
2:30-WNBC—NBC University Theatre
WOR—Harry Hennessy
WJZ—Mr President
WCBS—You Are There
WQXR—Americana
2:45-WOR—Quiz Club
3:00-WOR—Cisco Kid
WJZ—Harrison Woods
WCBS—N. Y. Philharmonic Symphony
WLIB—News; Music
3:15-WJZ—Betty Clark, Songs
3:30-WNBC—One Man's Family
WOR—Juvenile Jury
WJZ—Phil Brestoff
4:00-WNBC—The Quiz Kids
WJZ—Ted Malone
WJZ—Future of America
WLIB—William S. Gailmor
WMCA—Light Popular Music
WQXR—News
4:30-WNBC—Robert Trout
WOR—True Detective Mysteries
WJZ—Milton Cross' Opera Album
WCBS—Skyway to the Stars
4:35-WNBC—Jane Pickens Show
4:55-WNYC—News
5:00-WNBC—RCA Victor Show
WOR—The Shadow
WJZ—Music of Today
WCBS—Wittnauer Choraliers
WQXR—News; Record Reviews
5:15-WCBS—Art Mooney
5:30-WOR—Quick as a Flash
WCBS—Broadway Is My Beat
WJZ—Quiet Please
WNBC—Harvest of Stars

EVENING

6:00-WNBC—Catholic Hour
WOR—Roy Rogers Show
WJZ—Drew Pearson
WNYC—Oscar Brand, Folk Songs
WCBS—Hour of Stars
WMGM—Old Fashioned Revival Hour
WMCA—My Best Records
WQXR—News
6:05-WQXR—String Quartet
6:15-WJZ—Don Gardner
6:30-WNBC—Dean Martin, Jerry Lewis Show
WOR—Nick Carter
WCBS—Ozzie and Harriet
WJZ—Greatest Story Ever Told
WMCA—Ave Maria Hour
6:45-WNYC—Weather Report; News
7:00-WNBC—Richard Diamond
WOR—The Falcon
WCBS—Jack Benny
WJZ—Curt Massey show
WMCA—Showtime
WNYC—Masterwork Hour
WQXR—News
7:05-WQXR—Collectors Items
7:30-WNBC—Phil Harris—Alice Faye
WOR—Mayor of the Town
WJZ—Carnegie Hall
WCBS—Amos 'N' Andy
WMCA—Adventures in Industry
WMGM—Voice of Prophecy
WNEW—News; Spirituals
8:00-WNBC—Fred Allen Show
WMCA—Echoes of Big Time
WOR—Alexander's Mediation Board
WJZ—Step the Music
WCBS—Sam Spade
WMGM—Cavalry Baptist Church
WNEW—Piano Rhapsody
WEVD—Irish Variety Show
WQXR—News
8:05-WQXR—Our Musical Heritage
8:30-WNBC—Henry Morgan Show
WMCA—American Panorama
WOR—Melvin Elliott
WCBS—Luhn 'N' Abner
WNEW—News; Piano Rhapsody
9:00-WNBC—NBC Theatre
WMCA—News; Composers Notebook
WOR—Under Arrest
WJZ—Walter Winchell
WCBS—Electric Theatre
WEVD—Drama: Errand of Mercy
WQXR—News
9:05-WQXR—Sunday Evening Concert
9:15-WJZ—Louella Parsons Show
WEVD—Michael Young
9:30-WNBC—Familiar Music Album
WOR—Jimmy Fidler
WJZ—Theatre Guild
WCBS—Our Miss Brooks
WNEW—News; Music You Want
WEVD—Quiz—I Challenge You
10:00-WNBC—Take It or Leave It
WMCA—Dinah Shore
WOR—Secret Missions
WCBS—Life With Luigi
WEVD—Forum
WQXR—News
10:05-WQXR—On Wings of Song
10:30-WNBC—Horace Heidt show
WOR—Heartbeat in the News
WJZ—Jimmy Fidler
WCBS—It Pays to be Ignorant
WMCA—Algernon Black
WEVD—Eddie Duchin Show
WQXR—Pop Concert

RADIO HIGHLIGHTS
Sunday, May 1

P.M.
1:15—Elmo Roper. WCBS.
1:30—Author Meets the Critics. WNBC.
2:30—University Theatre. WNBC.
3:00—N. Y. Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra. WCBS.
3:30—Juvenile Jury. WOR.
4:00—Wm. S. Gailmor. WLIB.
6:00—Oscar Brand Song Festival. WNYC.
6:30—Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet. WCBS.
7:00—Jack Benny show. WCBS.
8:30—Henry Morton show. WNBC.
9:00—NBC Theatre. WNBC.
9:30—Theatre Guild. WJZ.

TV
7:30—Grace and Paul Hartman. WNBT.
8:30—Author Meets the Critics. WNBT.
9:00—NBC Repertory Theatre. WNBT.

Chinese Intellectual Honored in Prague

PRAGUE.—Kuo Mo-jo, Chinese writer, poet and scientist, leader of the Chinese delegation to the World Peace Congress, received the honorary degree of Doctor of Philosophy of Charles University, at a ceremony in the university.

Pigeons Thwart Thief

GREEN BAY, Wis. (UP). — The thief who stole 80 pigeons from Dr. George Senn obviously wasn't a bird expert, police said. All flew back where they belonged — they are homing pigeons.

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HOTEL MAGNATE

In private life Christenberry is president of the multi-million dollar Astor Hotel Corp., director of the Ritz Carlton Hotel Corp., chairman of the board of the rich Clinton Trust Co., and a director in many other concerns.

On the American Action Committee Christenberry works with such co-executive committee members as Hobert Harriss, the New York cotton broker, who handled the investments of Father Coughlin, the fascist Detroit priest, and echoed his anti-Semitic propaganda; Samuel Welldon, chairman of the Morgan First National Bank of New York, and Col. Edward D. Gray.

Col. Gray, the full-time executive of American Action in New York in 1946, shared offices with Merwin K. Hart on the 75th floor of the Empire State Building.

Hart, who served as a paid propagandist for Gen. Franco in 1938, today heads the fascist National Economic Council, which calls for laws to execute Communists and followers of the late President Roosevelt. His outfit is financed by the duPonts and other millionaires.

NAZIS IN LINE

A large sprinkling of Nazis will march with several German organization groups from Yorkville and Queens in Christenberry's parade.

Victor F. Ridder, publisher of the German Staatszeitung, the Journal of Commerce and two Minnesota papers, is another parade committee man.

Ridder was described by Quentin Reynolds and Rex Stout in a pamphlet issued by the Society for the Prevention of World War III in the following language:

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Henry Moddel, who red-baited his sports stores employes, while unsuccessfully trying to break their recent strike, is another parade committeeman.

Special emphasis on recruiting business men for the parade is given by Charles H. Silver, chairman of a sponsoring citizens committee, and vice-president of the American Woolen Co. (the woolen trust).

The fascists say they are celebrating "Loyalty Day," not May Day.

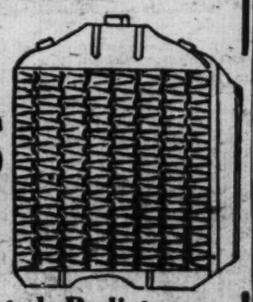
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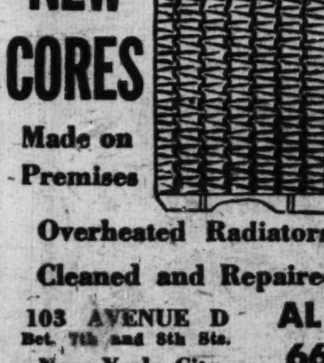
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JOHN CULLEN, 33, served 33 months overseas, 4 1-2 years in Army Air Corps.

JAMES W. GREENE, 24, Pres. Local 515, ex-Marine, served 30 months in Pacific.

MILLARD D. ANDERSON, 36, father of 4, served 2 years in Army Medical Corps.

Nine Mine, Mill Strikers Framed, Face Death Penalty

METALINE FALLS, Wash. (FP).—Public protests have forced a delay of from two to six months in the scheduled trial of nine CIO strikers facing possible death penalties on framed kidnaping charges. The men include representatives of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union and Local 515, which has been on strike at the American Zinc Lead and Smelting Co's Grandview mine for nine months.

They have been charged with assault, burglary and kidnapping in connection with the asserted beating of some strikebreakers imported by the mine owners. If convicted of kidnaping, the strikers are liable to a sentence of from 10 years to hanging.

A delay in the trial was won after aroused citizens and taxpayers of Pend Oreille County filed a petition for review of a special $4,500 county fund appropriation to push prosecution of the nine men.

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THE POSTPONEMENT followed a march by taxpayers on the county courthouse, where a hearing was held on the special appropriation. The day had been declared a miners' holiday to protest the use of taxpayers' money as a strike-breaking weapon.

Joining the miners in the protest demonstration were small farmers, stump ranchers, woodworkers from the big timber, Grange delegates and other representatives of labor and the community

Merchants of northeastern Washington closed their shops to permit their employes to attend the session, which was later described by participants as the "hottest hearing in the county's history."

The strike was called last July 1 against American Zinc's Metaline Falls properties when the company refused to resume contractual relations with the union on the pretext that its officers had not signed Taft-Hartley non-Communist affidavits. The union's locals in Illinois and Ohio struck later on the same issue.

IN AN OPEN APPEAL to the public for support, the nine defendants—all but one of whom are story:

"While we face charges carrying the death penalty, it is not the first time that attempts have been made to frame working people. We recall full well the cases of Joe Hill and Tom Mooney, not to mention many others. . . .

"Our lives and the fate of our union are not the only matters involved here. There is something war veterans—told their side of the else—something that concerns the lives of every American man, woman and child. And that something is simply this: so long as the Taft-Hartley Act remains, just so long will such companies as American Zinc use this legal weapon to take the lives of American workers, to destroy their unions, and to deal a death blow to all organized labor and, with it, American democracy."



HAROLD BERNER, 30, vice-pres. Local 515; 3 years in Navy Air Corps.

CLAUD SPECK, 50, father of 3; 20 years a miner; vet of both world wars.

HOWARD LEE, 35, Union international representative.

Rap Cop Attack On Puerto Rican

More than 250 persons at an open air rally in the Williamsburgh section of Brooklyn signed a petition demanding the suspension of two policemen who had brutally assaulted two Puerto Rican men. The rally at the corner of Tompkins and Hopkins Avenues, sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress also demanded the dropping of the framed grand larceny charges against the victims.

Juan Calderon, 18 one of the victims was one of the speakers. He and Pablo Alvarez, 28, and father of two children. were arrested without provocation by two cops last week. They were taken to the 90th precinct station where they were mauled, beaten with rubber hose and kicked.

Miss Jean Torres, Puerto Rican leader in Williamsburgh, blasted the statement of Inspector Joseph Goldstein, chief uniformed police, that there were "no cases of brutality."

Calderon and Alvarez were attacked in the same neighborhood where Willie Milton, Negro mechanic, had been shot to death by a cop.

Other speakers were Victor Gonzales, chairman, Jose Barbosa Club, American Labor Party, Raphael Lopez Rosas, editor of Liberacion, progressive Spanish language paper; Melvin Bordenave, Negro community leader; Samuel Lender, Civil Rights Congress; and a representative of the Willie Milton Youth Club, 6th

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Giant manager Leo Durocher was indefinitely suspended Friday by baseball commissioner Chandler in a move that may end the baseball career of the man who is charged with slugging a young Brooklyn fan after Thursday's game.

Chandler, through secretary Walter Mulbry, ordered Durocher to immediately drop all connection with the game and report to him at Cincinnati 10:30 a.m. Tuesday morning. Coach Frank Frisch managed the Giants in Friday night's game at Boston.

Chandler's only comment was "I am keeping an open and free mind on the case until I see Durocher Tuesday. I want to be as impartial as possible about this."

Meanwhile Fred Boysen, the Brooklynite who claims, with corroboration by witnesses and at least one Dodger player who didn't want to be named, was released from the Sydenham Hospital in Harlem after observation showed abdominal bruises but no serious internal injuries.

The 22-year-old ex vet, a Brooklynite of Puerto Rican descent who lives at 323 Pearl Street, says that after the game, a 15-2 rout of the Giants by the Dodgers during which he, as well as thousands of other Dodger fans, razzed Durocher, he went onto the field to try to shake hands with Jackie Robinson.

In the Polo Grounds players of both teams reach the clubhouses only by traversing the length of the field. Fans also walk out to the center field exit through the field.

"I was a little way past second base," Boysen relates, "When I was hit from behind and knocked down. Then I was kicked and saw it was Durocher. If I had seen him coming I would have been ready for him.. Frank Frisch and someone else pulled him away from me."

The Brooklyn player reported. "After the game Durocher stood in the third base coaching box for a few seconds watching the fans pour out of the stands. He seemed to single out one guy coming across the field and made straight for him. He hit him with a right to the jaw and knocked him down. I don't know who the fellow was, except that I saw he was a colored man. I just kept walking to the clubhouse. I didn't get hear it."

Another witness, Morris Golding, said Frisch and John Mize pulled Durocher away from the prostrate Boysen after the manager had knocked down and kicked the Brooklynite. Boysen is pressing assault charges.

Durocher said he didn't hit anyone, "just pushed away someone who I thought was trying to grab a cap." A spokesman for the club said, "You heard what Leo said—he didn't hit him. That's all. We are standing by Leo with what he said."

In 1946, as manager of the Dodgers, Durocher was charged with assaulting John Christian, a fan, under the stands of Ebbets Field after getting a cop to bring Christian down to him. Christian's jaw was broken, but the case was finally dropped "for lack of evidence."

If it is proven that Durocher did brutally knock down and kick Boysen as charged and corroborated by witnesses, his stormy career in baseball may well be over.

Braves Sign 2nd Negro Player

BOSTON.—The Boston braves have signed Negro first baseman George Crowe to a contract with their Pawtucket, R. I., farm club. Crowe, a bespectacled ball player, is the second Negro to jojin the Braves' farm system. He batted .388 with the New York Negro Yankees last season and worked out with the Pawtucket club at Myrtle Beach, S. C., this spring.

The Adventures of Richard, by Michael Singer, appears Tuesday and Thursday and in the weekend Worker.

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FRIDAY'S SCORES

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Philadelphia	302 000 000—5	5 0
Brooklyn	000 100 001—2	8 1

Heintzelman and Seminick; Hatten, Palica (1), McGlothin (6), Podbielan (8) and Campanella. Losing pitcher, Hatten. Home runs—Jones, Campanella (2).

St. Louis	000 200 200 000—4	8 0
Chicago	100 210 000 001—5	13 1

Munger, Wilks (5), Johnson (7), Staley (11) and Rice, Garagiola (7), Baker (12); Schmitz, Chipman (10) and Scheffing, Novotney (10). Winning pitcher, Chipman; Losing pitcher, Staley. Home run—Slaughter.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Boston	000 000 100—1	6 2
New York	030 100 03x—7	6 2

Kramer, Galehouse (7) and Tebbetts, Batts (7); Raschi and Berra. Losing pitcher, Kramer. Home runs—Kryhoski.

Washington	020 000 021—5	9 0
Philadelphia	101 010 102—6	13 0

Hudson, Thompson (9) and Wiegel; Brissie and Astroth. Losing pitcher, Thompson.

Cleveland	010 000 003—4	10 0
Detroit	001 000 000—1	9 2

Bearden and Hegan, Tresh (9); Hutchinson, Stuart (9) and Swift. Losing pitcher, Hutchinson. Home run—Edwards.

AL'S SELECTIONS

1—Count Did, Jhansi, Gay Chanson.
2—Irish Knight, Blue Thanks, Space Ship.
3—Trumpet King, Lionheart, Bengal.
4—Nell K., Boomdeay, Jazz Baby.
5—Up Beat, Tea Maker, Master Mind.
6—Coaltown, Better Self, Three Rings.
7—Word of Honor, Flying Missel, Black Chiffon.
8—Chips Down, Martal, Burt's Reward.

On the Score Board

By Lester Rodney



Hanging Out the Weekend Wash

EARLY PREDICTIONS AND COMMENTS: Jack Banta of Brooklyn will wind up the pitching rookie of the year. . . . Alvin Dark of Boston will hit .330 again or better. . . . The A's will be leading the league in July on the strength of superb pitching and defense and just enough hitting. Then the greater strength of the Indians, Bosox and Yanks will begin to tell. . . . **Elmer Valo of the A's is my idea of an unsung star. The Palmerton, Pa. lad (who was born in Czechoslovakia) is the finest defensive rightfielder in the league, with a flaming spirit, speed and good arm, and hits a productive .300 or better every year.** . . . Bosox still haven't got the pitching. . . . All the early talk of the total Yankee collapse, badly exaggerated with the kernal of good players still on the club and the league's second best pitching staff, actually was a favor to Casey Stengal because he'll look good now when the team finishes a strong third (or better).

BY THE WAY, in case you haven't noticed the International League boxscores, the Negro players signed by the Giants are playing regularly with Jersey City. Hank Thompson, the talented young second baseman-outfielder, has been shifted to shortstop, an interesting move. Outfielder Monte Irvin is banging the ball as expected. Over at Newark, the Yankees are keeping an eye on young Frank Austin, rangy, hard-hitting young shortstop who has more big league possibilities than Art, Wilson, the man Veeck snatched out of their mitts.

FAIL TO FALL in with all the furore about the Phils. Much improved as they are, and with clear signs of further improvement to come, they simply do not have a first division pitching staff as yet. The young bonus phenoms like Roberts, Simmons and Bicknell are all uneven, the unfortunate result of the ruling that forbids them needed minor league experience. Name one Philly pitcher who will win 15 games.

IF THE WORLD SERIES is to be between the two teams with the top defensive infields, it's Cleveland and Brooklyn and no mistakes. With the emergence of Billy Cox as a superlative third sacker, the Dodger quartet of Hodges, Robinson, Reese and Cox may even rate an edge over the classy, but subtly slowing Vernon, Gordon, Boudreau, Keltner. Don't quote me in Cleveland on this.

JOE LOUIS and Henry Armstrong think the new fight movies like "Setup" and "Champion" give a distorted view of the prize ring, leaving by omission a picture of ONLY corruption and dishonesty and completely negating the battering of jimcrow which has been one of the meaningful aspects of a rough and tough sport which certainly, as these movies do show, is no lily.

THE GREAT Stan Musial is, of course, the top athletic product of Donora, Pa., pop. 13,000. But this little industrial town on the Monongahela has turned out many more top notch athletes, and don't try to speak against unions to any of them! Forward-passer Arnold Galiffa, middleweight contender Lee Sala, and a raft of top notch college football players. Besides Galiffa there are no less than 16 Donora lads playing on topline college teams, including three at Pitt. You must add this special region to the others famous for turning out good gridders, like the Chicago and Gary Calumet area, Michigan's Sawinaw Valley, the Canton-Massilon-Arkon-Cleveland territory in Ohio.

A New York sports writer was chatting with some of the Cards from down South this spring when the Gardella case was in the headlines. Someone mentioned the fact that things are a little better for big leaguers with a five thousand minimum and a ruling forbidding a pay cut of more than 25 percent any single year. Said Mr. Musial of Donora:

"Yeah, you know when they made those concessions, don't you? Only when some of the boys started to talk union!"

THERE ARE 61 leagues and 463 clubs in organized baseball. The two states in the union unrepresented are Vermont and Wyoming. Maine just gets in with the Portland club. North Carolina and Texas lead with 42 and 41 respectively. It's that weather.

Occupational Hazards!

Baseball Has 'Em, Brother—If You Don't Think So, Read This

Injuries — sore arms — spike wounds — pulled muscles — beaning by a pitched ball. These are some of the occupational hazards of our national pastime, and don't forget to average them into the total picture when you think about baseball salaries and the life expectancy of the average ballplayer in his highly skilled trade!

Here are some of the mishaps of this young season:

Joe DiMaggio, brought down by his non-healing heel, was the first and most important casualty of the spring. Bob Feller, Cleveland's pitching ace, was retired after three innings of the opener against the St. Louis Browns with a shoulder disorder that puts his fireballing career in jeopardy at the age of 31.

Ray Sanders, Boston Braves first baseman, who cracked a wrist executing a tag and will be out until June—at least. George (Whitey) Kurowski of the St. Louis Cardinals, who already were shy on manpower. The veteran third baseman threw his arm out.

Leroy (Satchel) Paige, the 40-odd year old Cleveland pitcher who strained his side shagging fly balls and is out indefinitely.

Charley Keller of the Yankees, who pulled a muscle in his side at a time when DiMag was on the shelf along with Johnny Lindell, pitcher Bob Porterfield, George Stirnweiss, Charley Silvera and Clarence Marshall. All had baseball-incurred injuries.

Then there are the Washington pitching patients—Ed Klieman, and Joe Haynes. Klieman has an injured index finger on his pitching hand, Haynes has a shoulder strain.

And outfielder Hank Edwards of Cleveland who received a shoulder separation swinging at a pitch.

Some of the other boys had close calls. Big Ralph Kiner of the Pittsburgh Pirates was hit in the head by a batted ball on the West Coast and was out for a couple of days while everyone kept their fingers crossed.

Richie Ashburn of the Phillies, one of the top rookies in '48, was hit in the eye by a thrown ball while rounding third base trying to score. He came out of it okay.

Dick Kokos and Paul Lehner, St. Louis Brownie outfielders, crashed under a fly ball and were lugged off the field.

Outfielder Clint Conatser of the Braves was beaned by rookie pitcher Frank Fanovich of Cincinnati and carried out on a stretcher. He started to wear a headgear—when the regular season opened.

Catcher Del Rice of the Cardinals and Sal Yvars of the Giants fractured fingers on their catching hands.

So it goes!

And just this last week, Stan Rojek of the Pirates was beaned by a pitch in a night game with the Cards and sustained a concussion which put him in the hospital for at least ten days observation. Bob Elliott, Braves' star third baseman, was hit in the knee by a savage line drive off the bat of Jones of the Philly's in another night game, and Manager Lou Boudreau of Cleveland was hit in the left arm by a pitch. Second baseman Murtaugh of Pittsburgh turned an ankle severely while racing to second to take a throw and getting tangled with a baserunner.

Phils and Bosox Here

Weekend games in New York find the Red Sox at the Stadium Saturday and Sunday, Phillies at Brooklyn same days. Durocherless Giants are at Boston. High-riding, amazing Yanks got over big hurdle in Fridays game when they presented Vic Raschi with his first victory over the Sox and at the same time beat Kramer, who had a 5-0 mark against them last year.

Brooklyn, after clouting 15 runs and 19 hits the day before, went into a coma before the lefthanded stuff of veteran Ken Heintzelman at Ebbets Field. All except Roy Campanella, that is. The slugging catcher, off to a tremendous start, clouted two homers and a single. Joe Hatten didn't have his control.

